

## **Sixth Conference of States Parties of the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP6-ATT)**

### **SIDE EVENT**

#### ***“The Gendered Impact of Diversion of Arms and Unregulated Transfers on Women and Girls”***

#### **Presentation of the OHCHR report “Impact of arms transfers on human rights”**

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

#### **1. CONTEXT**

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Diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers have a gendered impact on the human rights of women and girls. The ATT is the first international treaty that formally recognizes the linkage between the arms trade and gender-based violence.

The Preamble of the ATT states that civilians, particularly women and children, account for the vast majority of those adversely affected by armed conflict, and armed violence. Article 7.1 (b) provides that exporting States shall assess, prior to authorizing an export, the potential that the conventional arms or items could be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law or international human rights law. Furthermore, Article 7.4 requires exporting States to consider the risk that the conventional arms or items being exported may be used to commit or facilitate serious acts of gender-based violence or serious acts of violence against women and children.

It is therefore relevant for ATT Membership to be aware that, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 41/20 (2019), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) prepared a report, in consultation with States, United Nations agencies and other relevant stakeholders, on the impact of arms transfers on diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers on the human rights of women and girls. The report (A/HRC/44/29) was presented to the Council at its forty-fourth session (July 2020).

#### **2. OBJECTIVE**

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The overall objective of the side event is to disseminate and discuss the findings and recommendations of the latest report of the OHCHR (A/HRC/44/29): “Impact of arms transfers on human rights” in the framework of the CSP6-ATT, with a view to continue raising awareness of the synergies between the work of the Human Rights Council, the OHCHR and the ATT bodies and mechanisms in the field of arms transfers and human rights, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Goals 5.2 and 16.4, and the Secretary General’s Agenda for Disarmament.

### **3. DATE AND VENUE**

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The event will take place online on Tuesday 18 August 2020, between 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Participants are requested to register by Friday, 14 August 2020 through the following email: [csp6att.humanrights@gmail.com](mailto:csp6att.humanrights@gmail.com). Event organizers will circulate to those who have registered a link for the meeting in advance.

### **4. ORGANIZERS**

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- Permanent Mission of Panama
- Permanent Mission of Peru
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

### **5. SPEAKERS**

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- a. Welcoming remarks: Ambassador Silvia Alfaro, Permanent Representative of Peru
- b. Moderator: Ms. Ana Teresa Lecaros (PM of Peru)
- c. Speakers:
  - Andrés Pérez – Human Rights Officer (OHCHR)
  - Allison Pytlak – Programme Manager, Reaching Critical Will (WILPF)
  - Jamie Walsh – Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament
  - Maya Brehm, Legal Advisor, Arms Unit, International Conference of the Red Cross (ICRC)

### **6. LANGUAGE**

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English

### **7. POINTS OF CONTACT**

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