

## CSP3 SIDE EVENTS

Tuesday, 12 September

<b>Title:</b>	<i><b>How arms transfers are fuelling conflict and atrocities in the Middle East</b></i>
<b>Organizer:</b>	Control Arms, Amnesty International Secretariat, PAX,
<b>Room:</b>	Room 18 (50 per.)
<b>Speakers:</b>	Chair: Anna Macdonald – Control Arms  Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Radhya Almutawakel - Mwatana Organisation for Human Rights</li><li>• Farah Karimi – Oxfam</li><li>• Roy Isbister – Saferworld</li><li>• Frank Slijper – PAX</li><li>• Patrick Wilcken – Amnesty International</li></ul>
<b>Start time:</b>	13:15; Lunch provided
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Focal point:</b>	Deepayan Basu Ray; <a href="mailto:Deepayan.basuray@controlarms.org">Deepayan.basuray@controlarms.org</a>
<p><b>Description:</b> <i>This side event will explore ongoing transfers of arms to various parties to conflicts in the Middle East, and assess how these transfers violate the object and purpose of the ATT. Speakers will examine the evidence to make a case that risk of misuse remains high, and consequently why arms transfers to the various conflicts need to stop.</i></p> <p><i>Though recognizing that not all arms being supplied are by ATT States Parties, there is still a role for States Parties to ensure that they are enforcing the Treaty. There is also a clear need for applying political pressure on those not adhering to their obligations, and to non-States Parties who continue to supply arms in violation of IHL/IHRL.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers will focus on the following specific cases:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ongoing transfers of arms to Saudi Arabia and the resulting humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen;</i></li><li>• <i>A summary of the outcome of the UK Judicial Review on UK transfers to Saudi;</i></li><li>• <i>Overview of transfers to Syria</i></li><li>• <i>Arms transfers to the UAE and its impacts on regional security and conflicts;</i></li><li>• <i>Exploring how licit arms transfers to Iraq have ended up in the hands of ISIS;</i></li><li>• <i>Arms exports to Egypt and its impacts on national and regional security;</i></li></ul>	