

Promoting universalization and effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, how can parliamentary action contribute?

– Perspectives from Asia

Side event at the Fifth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (CSP5)

29th August 2019, room 5 Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG) Geneva, Switzerland

13:15 – 14:45 hrs

Despite the relatively fast pace of ratifications of the Arms Trade Treaty, universalization in certain regions and implementation are still pending. Specific focus for the seminar is Asia, a region where several countries are severely affected by armed violence and where universalization efforts are needed. The Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW) and the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva cordially invite to a side event that will highlight universalization and scrutinizing implementation of the ATT – and the role of parliamentarians in their legislative, oversight and awareness-raising functions, with a gender equality perspective.

The panel will discuss:

- What connections between uncontrolled SALW proliferation and sustainable development can be seen in Asia? Why is the ATT important?
- To reach Sustainable Development Goal 16.4 of the 2030 Agenda, what are the main priorities and actions, for parliamentarians and other stakeholders, in enhancing universalization and effective implementation of the ATT as well as the UNPoA in Asia?
- What are the main priorities and actions, for parliamentarians and other stakeholders, in promoting the Women, Peace and Security agenda?

Moderator and introduction: Ms Karin Olofsson, General Secretary of PFSALW

Panelists:

- ❖ Mr Ulf Lindell, Minister Counsellor Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Department for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
- ❖ Hon. Syed Naveed Qamar, Member of Parliament of Pakistan, Member of PFSALW, Former Minister for Defence and Minister for Finance
- ❖ Ms Yoko Owatari, First Secretary, Delegation of Japan
- ❖ Ms Nadee Gunaratne, Attorney at Law, Sri Lanka, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

A light lunch will be served from 13:00 hrs outside room 5