

## CSP5 SIDE EVENT

Thursday, 29 August

<b>Title:</b>	Promoting universalization and effective implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, how can parliamentary action contribute? – Perspectives from Asia
<b>Organizer:</b>	Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW) Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva
<b>Room:</b>	Room 5
<b>Speakers:</b>	Facilitator and introduction: Ms Karin Olofsson, Secretary General, Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons  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)
<b>Start time:</b>	13:15; Lunch provided
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Focal point:</b>	Teresa Dybeck, Programme Manager <a href="mailto:dybeck@parlforum.org">dybeck@parlforum.org</a>

### Description:

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?

***A light lunch will be served from 1pm outside room 5***