

**CSP5 SIDE EVENT****Friday, 30 August**

<b>Title:</b>	“Situating the ATT in the Global Arms Control Context”
<b>Organizer:</b>	Oxfam, SOAS CISD, GCSP
<b>Room:</b>	Room 6
<b>Speakers:</b>	Marc Finaud, GCSP; Kevin Miletic, SOAS CISD; TBC, Oxfam; TBC, SCRAP Project, CISD
<b>Start time:</b>	13.15; Lunch provided
<b>Language:</b>	English
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<b>Description:</b>	<p>Disarmament and arms control played a huge role in preserving strategic stability during the Cold War impelled by the threat to humanity. Later, humanitarian disarmament treaties have been reducing the impact of conflicts on civilians, their main victims. The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), aiming at reducing human suffering continues both these traditions, in a melding of humanitarianism and arms control that dates to at least the 1925 Protocol forbidding the use of chemical weapons. In recent years, a successful regime built on global and regional cooperation has come under threat as major powers walk away from successful treaties, or undermine those that remain in force through inadequate implementation. The global threat to human security is obvious. New initiatives are needed to revive security building through cooperation to reduce wars, arms flows and stockpiles, and their humanitarian consequences. This side event situates the ATT in the global arms control context, examines reasons why it is so necessary, and looks at new initiatives like the SCRAP global disarmament proposal. At a time when we have a global framework to tackle anthropogenic climate change, we also need a global framework for the elimination or control of the world's weapons.</p>