

COMMITTEE: Disarmament Committee

TOPIC: Finding means to subdue illicit small arms trade in Sub-Saharan Africa and MENA Region

MAIN SUBMITTER: United Kingdom

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Disarmament Committee,

Alarmed by the fact that there are 500,000 casualties at the hands of small arms each year,

Fully aware of the fact that the illicit small arms market makes up around 10-20% of the global arms market's \$1 billion annual worth,

Deeply concerned by the fact that corruption in arms trade makes up for about 40% of all corruption worldwide,

Having heard there may be 30 million firearms potentially circulating throughout Africa alone,

Applauding previous actions like the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and the Program of Actions on Small Arms (POA), and the UN Firearm Protocol, for their significant contribution regarding the arms trade,

1. Encourages nations to ratify Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and puts its regulations into action immediately;
2. Calls upon the establishment of an official UN program known as the Conflict Zones Arms Trade Program (CZATP), specifically regarding small arms trade in conflict zones, which would:
  - a. establish small arms trade regulations and requirements, which include but are not limited to:
    - i. the destruction of all surplus and obsolete small arms nations possess,
    - ii. limitation of weapon import capacity in afflicted nations to no more than \$90 million worth of small arms each year,
  - b. be carried out in correspondence with the International Humanitarian Laws (IHL) and build upon the existing framework of the ATT;
3. Further affirms the requirement of government-approved licenses directed towards parties wishing to export or import small arms or any of their individual components, whose requirements for being granted include but are not limited to:
  - a. being a government organisation that has stably functioned for at least 5 years,

- b. proper national identification of all members,
  - c. no trace of criminal history or corruption,
  - d. compliance with monitoring of all transactions through public documentation and archives;
4. Requests cooperation from MDCs to:
- a. monitor the transport of exported small arms to ensure proper implementation,
  - b. help strengthen the security of borders and weapon storage facilities by:
    - i. dispatching trained guards to import destination ports and storage facilities,
    - ii. providing advanced security technology to LDCs;
5. Urges for the enforcement of these laws through efforts such as but not limited to:
- a. the sanction of countries involved in the illicit small arms trade,
  - b. CZATP meetings to discuss the issue of small arms which include but are not limited to:
    - i. annual meetings to discuss general progress and solutions to potential issues,
    - ii. mid-annual regional seminars in afflicted countries.