



PGA'S 37TH ANNUAL PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN SUPPORT OF PEACE AND SECURITY

San Salvador, El Salvador

30th November, 2015 – 1st December, 2015

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1: The Arms Trade Treaty

30th November, 2015

Monday, 30th November, 2015

- 8:30am **Registration**
- 9:00am **Inaugural Session: The Role of Parliamentarians in Support of Peace and Security**
- 11:15am **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 am **Session 1: Introduction to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) - Overview and Impact on International and Regional Peace and Security**

Primary Goals/Objectives of the ATT | Global Status of ATT Ratification and Implementation | Impact on International and Regional Peace and Security

Interactive Dialogue
- 11:15am **Session 2: Securing Ratification and Implementation of ATT, with specific focus on Latin America - Achievements, Remaining Challenges and The Role of Parliamentarians**

Analysis of Status of ATT | Main Obstacles to ATT Ratification | How Parliamentarians can contribute in generating a wider support/participation by countries *not yet party*

Interactive Dialogue
- 12:15pm **Lunch**
- 1:30pm **Session 3: Comparative Analysis of Different National Processes Leading to Ratification of ATT – Lessons to be Learned from States Parties**

Discussion of trajectory/steps taken | Sharing/Distribution of implementing legislation/legislation allowing for ratification | Recommendations

Interactive Dialogue
- 2:30pm **Session 4: Arms Proliferation and Gang violence in Latin America: Relevance of ATT**

Interactive Dialogue

- 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:45pm **Session 5: Parliamentary Strategies towards Ratification and Implementation of ATT**
- Interactive Dialogue*
- 4:45pm **Deliberation and Adoption of *San Salvador Plan of Action on Arms Trade Treaty***
- 5:45pm **Concluding Remarks of First Day of Annual Forum**
- 7:30-10:30pm ***Defender of Democracy Award (DDA) 2015 Ceremony/Dinner - By invitation only***
Hosted by the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador
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Day 2: The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC)

1st December, 2015

Strengthening Implementation of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention

9:30am- 10:15 am

Session 1: Introduction and overview of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention

- Main features of the Biological Weapons Convention
- Status and Text of the Biological Weapons Convention
- Secretary-General's Mechanism for investigation of alleged use of chemical and biological weapons
- Latest Information on the BWC

Interactive Dialogue

10:15am

Coffee Break

10:30am-11:30am

Session 2: Promoting the Universality of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention: Challenges for ratification and the Role of Parliamentarians

- Status of Universality of the BWC, in particular in Africa and Asia-Pacific Region.
- Challenges and opportunities for the ratification of the BWC
- The Role of Parliaments and Individual Parliamentarians in Promoting the first multilateral disarmament treaty banning the development, production and stockpiling of an entire category of weapons of mass destruction - Strategies to attain more ratifications and accessions

Interactive Dialogue

11:30am-12:30am

Session 3: Promoting Strengthened Implementation of Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC) in Latin America

- Analysis of Status of BWC Implementation in Latin America
- Challenges in the implementation of the BWC in Latin America
- The Role of Parliamentarians- Strategies to achieve strengthened implementation
- National Implementation support and assistance

Interactive Dialogue

12:30pm

Lunch

2: 00 pm-3:00pm

Session 4: Presentation by Representative of the Australia Group

- Harmonization of export controls: ensuring that exports do not contribute to the development of biological weapons. Coordination of national export control measures to fulfil their obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention.
- Control List of Dual-use Biological Equipment and Related Technology and Software

Interactive Dialogue

3:00pm-4:00pm

Session 5: Parliamentary contribution to effective implementation of the BWC Convention

- Challenges and benefits of implementing legislation on the BWC
- Mobilization of resources and the functioning of institutions for the effective implementation of the BWC through the domestic institutions

Interactive Dialogue

4:00pm

Coffee Break

4:15pm- 4:45pm

Session 6: Presentation by Director of United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) (TBC)

Interactive Dialogue

4:45pm - 5:15pm

Session 7: The Future of the Biological Weapons Convention: Discussion and Adoption of San Salvador Plan of Action on BWC

5:15pm

CLOSING SESSION

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