

Recent transfer control initiatives and the Arms Trade Treaty

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1. Transfer Control of Conventional Weapons Since the 19th Century

- The General Act of the Brussels Conference Relative to the African Slave Trade, 1890
- Failed initiatives in the 1910s & 1920s
- Little development during the Cold War □ Various initiatives in the 1990s

2. Overview of Transfer Control Initiatives Since the 1990s

2-1. 1990s~2001

- OSCE Principles Governing Conventional Arms Transfers, 1993
Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2000
- EU Code of Conduct on Arms Exports, 1998
⇒ transformed into a legally binding Common Position in 2008
- UN UN Register of Conventional Arms, 1991...promotes public reporting by states on their conventional arms transfers
Guidelines for Conventional Arms Transfers, 1991
Guidelines for international arms transfers, 1996
United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, 2001...Section 2, Paragraph 11 of the Programme of Action
- Idea of an ATT...mid 1990s~

2-2. 2001~

- 2003~ Transfer Control Initiative (TCI): SALWs. "Nairobi Text" agreed in April 2006
- 2003~2005 Consultative Group Process (CGP): SALWs. Transfer control criteria and transfers to NSAs.
- East Africa Best Practice Guidelines for the Implementation of the Nairobi Declaration and the Nairobi Protocol on Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2005
- ECOWAS ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Their Ammunition and Other Related Materials, 2006
- SICA Code of conduct of Central American States on the Transfer of Arms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materiel, 2005
- Wassenaar Arrangement Best Practice Guidelines for Exports of Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2002
- Others such as Brokering control agreements which include similar criteria
- October 2003~ Control Arms Campaign: Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)
UN resolution in 2006 ⇒ UN Secretary General consultation in 2007, Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) in 2008, on feasibility, scope and draft parameters of an ATT
UN resolution in 2008 ⇒ Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) from 2009.
OEWG: 2009-2011, 2 sessions in each year. First session 2-6 March, 2009.
Regional conferences in 2008-2009: India (July 2008), Kenya (Sep 2008), Antigua and Barbuda (Oct 2008), Argentina (Dec 2008), Tokyo (Feb 2009: co-hosted by MOFA and Oxfam)
Regional conferences in 2009-2010: 6 conferences to be held by Jan 2010.