

# INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS FOR REGULATING CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS



Implementation and Universalisation of the ATT,  
UNPoA

significantly reduce illicit [. . .] arms flows' by 2030

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# INTRODUCTION

- Bamako Declaration
- Sub-regional Instruments
- UN Firearms Protocol
- Arms Trade Treaty
- UNPoA
- UN Resolution 1325
- Silencing the gun by 2020

# SUB REGIONAL INSTRUMENTS

- SADC Protocol adopted in 2001 which
- Nairobi Protocol
- ECOWAS Convention
- Kinshasa Convention
- AU Strategy on Small Arms and Light Weapons
- Silencing the Guns by 2020

# ARMS TRADE TREATY

- The GBV criterion included in the ATT addresses violations of international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL) specifically related to GBV. Article 7(4) under “Export and export assessment”
- A State would be obligated to deny an arms transfer in the event that it determines there is an “overriding risk” that weapons or items covered under the treaty would be used to commit or facilitate such acts of GBV.

# UNPOA

- The UN Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons refers to gender in its preamble (para. 6)
- In 2010, ODA and the International Action Network on Small Arms released a study on “Mainstreaming gender for the effective implementation of the PoA” on the occasion of the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to consider implementation of the PoA.
- In the final outcome document of the Sixth Biennial Meeting, States made use of the word "gender" for the first time in a PoA context. This is important in view of the considerable impact of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons on young men, both as victims and offenders.

# UN RESOLUTION 1325

- In 2015, an independent “Global Study” on the implementation of SCR 1325 commissioned by the Secretary-General, was conducted. The study found that, despite a number of successes, many obstacles and challenges still persist in the full implementation of the WPS agenda
- The development of the WPS agenda has support by Africa to better integrate women as ‘agents of change’ in all peace and security processes

# SILENCING THE GUN BY 2020

- In 2016, the African Union Peace and Security Council met in Lusaka under the theme: “Practical Steps to Silence the Guns in Africa by 2020”.
- The Lusaka Master Roadmap was informed by the Agenda 2063, which stresses the imperative of ending all wars, civil conflicts, violent conflicts, and gender-based violence, as well as preventing genocide as part of Africa’s collective efforts to silence the guns on the continent by the year 2020.

# RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FIREARMS

- African States that have not yet ratified the ATT must do so by 2020
- African State have not submitted annual reports on the Implementation of the UN Resolution 1325, ATT and UNPoA
- Apply a 50% women on the delegation attending the Conference of State Parties
- Gun Destruction Day (9 July)
- Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence
- Training Women mediators for immediate deployment in preventive diplomacy
- Advocate for the expediting the establishment of the Mediation Support Unit at the AUC in accordance with Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.558 (XXIV)



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