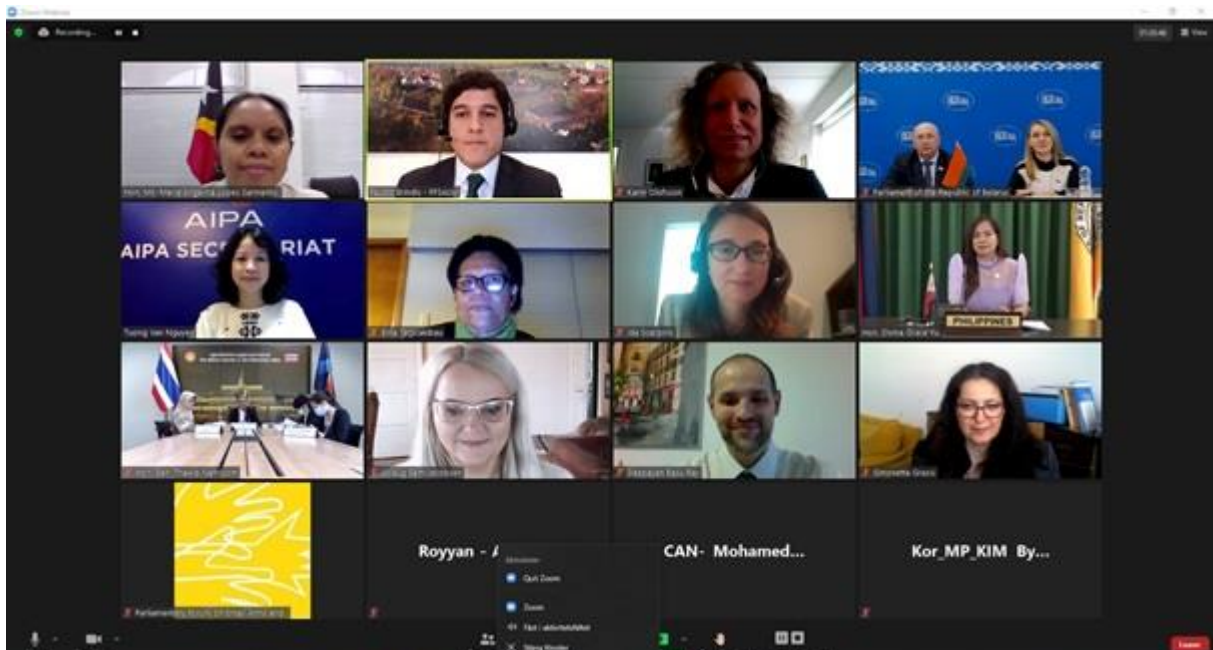




Webinar Report

“Connecting the Dots: Enhancing implementation of the UN PoA and the Women, Peace & Security and 2030 Agendas – through increased parliamentary engagement and action in international processes”

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Executive Summary

On the 16th of March 2021, the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW), in cooperation with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), organised the online webinar “Connecting the Dots Enhancing implementation of the UN PoA and the Women, Peace & Security and 2030 Agendas – through increased parliamentary engagement and action in international processes”. Participants from the AIPA Member parliaments included parliamentarians and staff from; Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. Parliamentarians and staff from the following AIPA Observer countries participated: Belarus, Canada, European Parliament, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Timor-Leste. Representatives from international organisations, the civil society and the diplomatic community were also present.

The objective was to enhance implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (UN PoA) in relation to the Women, Peace & Security and 2030 Agendas by parliamentary action through capacity-building, policy-shaping and awareness-raising. Furthermore, the webinar was the first step of a project funded by the UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR)¹ which aims to engage parliamentarians in the run up to the UN PoA, Seventh Biennial Meeting of States (BMS7) from the 26th to the 30th of July 2021, by presenting recommendations on parliamentary actions based on the Parliamentary Action Plan for Southeast Asia approved in 2018, complemented by parliamentary recommendations proposed during this webinar. The webinar was also held to prepare for a physical regional seminar that is to be held later in 2021 depending on COVID-19 developments.

The uncontrolled proliferation and use of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) constitute an obstacle for sustainable development and human security in Southeast Asia and at the global level.

¹ The views expressed herein are those of the Implementing Partner and do not necessarily reflect those of the United Nations.



Armed violence caused by the proliferation of SALW has widespread human, economic and social costs. Taking into consideration the consequences of armed violence, organised crime and terrorism, parliamentarians and other relevant stakeholders need to act decisively to achieve more peaceful and sustainably developed societies via the implementation and universalisation of international frameworks relevant to the prevention and reduction of SALW violence.

In the context of global democratic regress and following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become especially relevant for parliamentarians to exercise their legislative, oversight and awareness-raising functions to ensure peaceful and sustainable development, considering the obstacles these challenges pose not only to human lives and well-being but also to continuous sustainable development.

The conclusions of the webinar include the need to respect the costs of managing the COVID-19 pandemic while at the same time retaining the focus and political will necessary to implement and improve arms control measures. Additionally, initiatives from Members of Parliament (MPs) are needed to counteract arms control loopholes and to ensure the successful implementation of valid existing frameworks. Parliamentarians shall advocate for improved data gathering methods, including the compilation of gender and age disaggregated data on armed violence, to allow for policymaking that is properly informed. Lastly, inter-parliamentary exchange enables the sharing of ideas and experiences in addition to the opportunity to harmonise regional arms control legislation. Parliamentarians from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region underscored their commitment to the implementation of the UN PoA, the 2030 Agenda and the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 and subsequent resolutions (UNSCRs) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS).

The webinar was realised with the financial support of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the generous collaboration of the ASEAN-Inter-Parliamentary Assembly.

Participation

A total of 74 persons attended the webinar; MPs from Southeast Asia and other regions, representatives from international organisations, the civil society, and the diplomatic community. Of the 74 persons, 19 of them were MPs. They represented a total of 14 parliaments with 5 of the MPs representing the ASEAN Member States; Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Panellist interventions were presented by MPs from the AIPA-Member States; the Philippines and Thailand, as well as experts from different international and civil society organizations including the Centre for Armed Violence Reduction (CAVR), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Firearms Programme (UNODC GFP), International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD).

Introduction



The Secretary General of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), Ms Nguyen Tuong Van opened the webinar by welcoming the participants and by relating the purpose of the webinar to the goals set by AIPA, to contribute significantly through interparliamentary cooperation to attain the priorities of ASEAN which includes promoting regional peace and stability. Furthermore, by emphasizing regional challenges relating to arms smuggling, the effects of uncontrolled proliferation and trafficking of SALW and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, she underscored the need for concerted efforts to reduce and prevent SALW related violence. Lastly, the objectives of the seminar, to promote the implementation of the UN PoA and the 2030 Agenda in relation to the UNSCRs on WPS was emphasised.

Ms Karin Olofsson, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW), continued the introduction by highlighting the challenges COVID-19 presents to international cooperation and the importance of coming together to support efforts to promote more peaceful and sustainably developed societies despite the current pandemic. Ms Olofsson also detailed the strategic prioritization of women in decision making processes in general, and at this occasion, to address the current underrepresentation of women in peace and security -and decision-making processes. Lastly, she welcomed and encouraged interaction, especially from MPs, with the aim of sharing experiences and identifying recommendations ahead of the BMS7 on the UN PoA and for future actions, to complement the Parliamentary Action Plan for Southeast Asia approved in 2018 by the additional recommendations identified at this webinar.

Session I: Prevention and reduction of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)-related violence in Southeast Asia

The aim of the first session was to analyse the status of SALW related violence in Southeast Asia and to identify challenges and opportunities for parliamentary work in relation to the prevention and reduction of SALW-related violence.

Mr Deepayan Basu Ray, from CAVR started the session by contextualizing the status of SALW-related violence in Southeast Asia. He stated that the challenges posed by regional drug trade, armed violence, and conflict, such as the current spike in violence in Myanmar due to the recent military coup, creates a demand for SALW that is often supplied via illicit sources. Mr Ray went on to reference the geographical nature of many borders in Southeast Asia, consisting of hard to survey coast lines and rugged terrain, as an obstacle to preventing SALW- smuggling. The lack of regional transparency and cooperation mechanisms was also mentioned as a challenge that limits arms trafficking prevention on a regional level.

Mr Ray outlined three systematic needs: the need for peace processes, democratic spaces, and civilian oversight that are all necessary to address the root causes of regional uncontrolled SALW supply and demand. He also detailed three policy opportunities to prevent uncontrolled SALW proliferation. First, by strengthening systems of accountability, including better data collection systems and stricter measures, leakage of weapons from government supplies can be prevented. Second, establishing an arms transfer reporting requirement to parliaments by security forces would allow for more informed and adequate policy making. Finally, internationalizing arms control standards by joining international arms control instruments such as the Arms Trade Treaty



(ATT) would create more transparency and provide a deeper understanding of the arms control situation.

Ms Ida Scarpino, Coordinator on Gender mainstreaming control of SALW, UNRCPD initiated her intervention by shedding light on the gendered impact of SALW violence since firearms act as a force multiplier that disproportionately affects women. Views of gender also influences the topic of SALW control by excluding women due to gender stereotypes, causing them to be underrepresented in relevant discussions and policy making. Ms Scarpino further presented three challenges related to gender and arms control.

Firstly, she discussed the lack of gender perspectives on SALW and the importance of addressing this by creating gender responsive frameworks which in turn tends to lead to greater successes. Secondly, there is a lack of disaggregated data on SALW violence when it comes to taking sex and age into account. This can be addressed by lobbying for a systematic collection of data that in turn can be used to create more informed policy and legislation. Lastly, Ms Scarpino referred to a lack of coordination, necessary to counter the complex, multidimensional problem that is arms trafficking. Effective reduction of the illicit arms trade requires a multisectoral approach towards stockpile management, law enforcement, legislation and requires the cooperation and coordination of MPs, civil society, security forces and other relevant actors.

Hon. Divina Grace Yu, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines held the last intervention of the first session where she shared the achievements and experiences of her country, the Philippines, in implementing the UN PoA and the 2030 Agenda in relation to the UNSCR 1325. After giving a brief overview of the growing Philippine arms industry, she underlined the security risks posed by unregistered “loose” firearms which are used in most of the countries firearms related incidents. The national campaign against loose firearms did in 2019 lead to the confiscation, recovery and surrender of 14,409 firearms, 11,137 arrests of suspects and 7442 criminal cases being filed.

Hon. Divina Grace Yu then gave an oversight of two significant laws in the Philippines related to SALW and how they seek to reduce the impact of illicit SALW proliferation on security and public safety. She then detailed ongoing parliamentary action related to amending gaps in the current arms legislation and strengthening regulatory measures. Current opportunities for better arms control were described which included the improvement of current legal provisions to better control conventional arms, strengthening of the operational capability of the Philippine National Police in recovery, accounting, inventory and registry of SALW as well as continuous expansion of capacity-building programs. Hon. Divina Grace Yu then ended her intervention by reaffirming the Philippine government’s unwavering commitment to the implementation of the UN PoA and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Open floor discussion and questions Session I

The discussion opened with **Hon. Dr. Pechdau Tohmeena** Member of Thailand’s House of Representatives. She underscored Thailand’s commitment to reducing and preventing armed violence by giving examples of Thailand’s approach which includes working with civil society and using social projects to achieve a more peaceful society. Additionally, Thailand has taken steps to secure the human rights of women and children in conflicts via regional coordination centres and



by creating a platform for gender sensitive approaches to peace, expanding the role of women in security questions.

Hon. Åslaug Sem-Jacobsen, Member of the Norwegian parliament, asked Hon. Divina Grace Yu about what challenges the Philippines face when combating the flow of SALW trafficking. The response was that the Philippine Congress is working on amending and improving the existing firearm acts as well as working to strengthen regulatory mechanism. The Norwegian MP then asked if the new amendments are likely to pass which got an affirmative response, as the amendments are to be considered before the end of the current parliamentary session.

Hon. Ms. Maria Angelina Lopes Sarmento, Vice-President of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste shared some of Timor-Leste's experiences with the international arms control instruments. The parliament of Timor-Leste is working to ratify the ATT and implement it into the national laws, with further plans to increase public awareness via stakeholder cooperation. She then gave an account of the challenges caused by gender-based violence and Timor-Leste's actions taken towards ending gender-based violence to create a fairer society. A part in achieving this is the effective implementation of the Women, Peace and Security resolutions, achievable via training and capacity-building as well as monitoring and evaluating measures.

Session II: Parliamentary action and engagement in the implementation of the UN PoA in Southeast Asia and other international instruments/frameworks on SALW-control, linked to Women, Peace & Security and 2030 Agendas

The aim of the second session was to identify recommendations on parliamentary actions to be presented at the BMS7 on the UN PoA, based on the existing Parliamentary Action Plan for Southeast Asia created in 2018. MP contributions to the implementation of international SALW-control frameworks, the challenges and opportunities of working with said frameworks and the process of implementing recommendations from the 2018 Parliamentary Action Plan were themes that laid the foundation for this session.

The second session of the webinar was initiated by **Mrs Simonetta Grassi**, Head of the Global Firearms Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) who reiterated the severe negative impact firearms have on peace, security and rule of law. She also discussed the status of international instruments, particularly the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition (Firearms Protocol) and how Asia currently has the lowest number of participants related to this instrument.

Some obstacles towards parliamentary action were identified by Mrs Grassi, such as the hidden and unknown nature of firearms trafficking causing a lack of knowledge regarding data collection as well as the insufficient awareness and knowledge among MPs on the issue. She also mentioned the key role MPs have in preventing arms smuggling due to their ability to amend loopholes in national legislation. Furthermore, this could also be expanded by MPs creating regional cooperation and frameworks to detect and patch loopholes that otherwise can allow regional access to illicit firearms. Finally, Mrs Grassi underlined the need for improved data collection on



illicit trafficking of firearms to allow for better oversight and by extension more effective responses to the challenge of arms smuggling.

Dr Ema Tagicakibau, International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) began by discussing the main challenges towards the implementation of the UN PoA as well as the WPS and 2030 Agenda. From her experience in the Pacific, she explained how competing priorities between other important issues like the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change, has a risk of placing SALW control on the backburner. Dr Tagicakibau also underlined the lack of both financial and human resources which prevents effective implementation of international frameworks. Another challenge is the lack of political will, which is tied to several challenges such as the exclusion of women from legislative and policy making positions, which hinders their ability to participate in political affairs.

Furthermore, she highlighted the need for taking action, e.g., moving forward beyond statements towards actions that ensure women's inclusion in peace and security processes. Lastly, the main recommendation of IANSA was referred to, for example their Call to Action to the BMS7, that will be provided to MPs and civil society members. Main recommendations are as follows; operationalizing the gender related goals of the UN PoA, ensuring women's meaningful participation in processes related to arms control and collecting sex and age disaggregated data on arms control.

Hon. Ms Maria Angelina Lopes Sarmento – Vice-President of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste expanded on her previous discussion on the experiences of Timor-Leste during her part of the session. She further discussed Timor-Leste's focus on state building and in particular that the national parliament practices their oversight role on the implementation of the Governments UNSCR 1325 plan of action. The ministries of defence and the interior have been made more gender equal with women being promoted to higher positions. Additionally, implementation of gender equality policies and gender mainstreaming takes place in 8 out of Timor-Leste's 22 state institutions.

Hon. Lopes Sarmento also underlined the importance of parliament ensuring sufficient budgetary means for the implementation of gender mainstreaming policies to reflect the Government's commitment to these policies. She then proudly shared the gender related progress of Timor-Leste's parliament, which consists of 40% women, and the great strides taken towards the 1325 resolution within police institutions. Despite this, challenges remain for women within the ministries where only 3% are women. Looking towards the future, Hon. Lopes Sarmento described the pending political process of ATT ratification and lastly, she recommended continuous training and awareness raising of human rights and gender-based approaches within the state apparatus with a particular focus on law enforcement.

Hon. Gen. Thawip Netniyom, Member of Foreign Affairs Committee, Senate of the Kingdom of Thailand closed the second session by underlining the need for MPs to address pressing challenges and reiterating the major threat SALW poses to peace and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). After stating Thailand's full commitment to the UN PoA, demonstrated by their continued development of measures to counter SALW proliferation, Hon. Gen. Netniyom then discussed the relation between the UN PoA and SDGs, particularly 16.1 and 16.4. He highlighted



the need for women in peace and security, mentioning Thailand's effort towards implementing the WPS agenda.

Hon. Gen. Netnyom also suggested four ways for MPs to reinforce the Government in preventing SALW proliferation, firstly referring to the legislative function of MPs and their opportunities to create legal frameworks for policy implementation. Secondly, the parliamentarian's responsibility to ensure that national laws are in order with international and regional arms control regimes such as the UN PoA. Thirdly, is raising awareness and promoting education regarding the negative effects of illicit SALW proliferation as well as involving stakeholders on the local level. Finally, interparliamentary networks can be used to exchange perspectives and initiating international cooperation and coordination for future actions. Lastly, Hon. Gen. Netnyom and his delegation welcomed the circulation of the parliamentary handbook "Assuring Our Common Future" as a useful guideline for MPs seeking policies connecting disarmament and sustainable development.

Open floor discussion and questions Session II

The open floor discussion sought to identify parliamentary recommendations that would supplement the current Parliamentary Action Plan created in 2018 to prepare for the BMS7 on the UN PoA. As stated previously, this discussion was one of the main objectives of the webinar which the previous discussions and interventions laid the groundwork for.

Hon. Mohammed Ouzzine, MP from Morocco, shared his country's approach of strict restrictions on SALW import and usage, emphasizing that MPs can strengthen the legal frameworks and raise awareness to improve the prevention and reduction of SALW proliferation. **Hon. Elin Rodum Agdestein** from the Norwegian delegation of MPs also highlighted the opportunity for MPs to create legal frameworks without loopholes as a prime way to prevent arms trafficking, as well as the opportunity to push the executive branch towards action and implementation of relevant policies. **Hon. Ms. Maria Angelina Lopes Sarmiento** recommended ensuring peace, cooperation and measures to secure women's participation in order to amplify the voices of women as well as from other vulnerable groups and cementing their role in the parliamentary decision-making processes. **Dr. Tagicakibau** elevated the importance of MPs requesting more gender integration during the implementation of international instruments such as the UN PoA.

Lastly, **Hon. Mohammed Ouzzine** asked for clarification regarding international firearms frameworks and their interactions with national frameworks of similar sort. **Mrs Simonetta Grassi** referred to how the instruments increase awareness about the illicit arms trade and how this has led to the closing of loopholes in national laws. She mentioned that arms trafficking could be further reduced by the instruments' ability to harmonize arms legislation while allowing for sovereignty and national differences in implementation. **Mr Deepayan Basu Ray** explained that existing outdated legislature needs to be updated to address SALW proliferation while adding that many Southeast Asian countries already have most of the necessary conditions and legislature in place to join instruments such as the ATT. Mr. Ray emphasized political will as a crucial resource that MPs can contribute to in order to ratify these instruments and reduce SALW proliferation.

Concluding remarks:



Ms Nguyen Tuong Van began the concluding remarks by reiterating the need to prioritize the prevention of armed violence and by commending the contributions made by the panellists. She underlined the importance of continued awareness raising as well as inter-parliamentary cooperation and expressed confidence that the webinar had engaged ASEAN MPs to enhance the importance of the UN PoA and the 2030 agenda. Lastly, she thanked the AIPA Member State MPs, observer countries, the panellists, participants, and staff for their contributions to the webinar.

Ms Karin Olofsson also expressed sincere gratitude to all panellists and participants of the webinar as well as her appreciation for the fruitful collaboration between AIPA and PFSALW. She highlighted the importance of strengthening common efforts and parliamentary action to contribute to more peaceful and sustainable societies, especially during times where democracy is under pressure. Ms. Olofsson also referred to the international instruments discussed during the webinar as opportunities to contribute via parliamentary action to a more peaceful world. She then closed the webinar by acknowledging the progress made while also reiterating the need for further action to stop the harm caused by uncontrolled SALW proliferation.

List of participants²

A total of 74 participants registered for the Webinar.

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² This list is based on confirmed registered participants.



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