



Press release: Members of Parliaments Gather for Seminar on Peace-building, Armed Violence Prevention with a Gender Equality perspective

JAKARTA, INDONESIA - The Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PFSALW) in collaboration with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) is hosting a regional seminar in two parts, part one is entitled “*Connecting the Dots: Enhancing Implementation of the Women, Peace & Security, UN PoA and 2030 Agendas – through increased parliamentary engagement and action in international processes*”, and part two is entitled “*Reducing threats to international security: Mobilising parliamentarians from Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and Middle East to strengthen global parliamentary action for enhanced universalisation and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty*” on 8-10 June 2022 in Jakarta.

The seminar seeks to increase parliamentary engagement, participation and action in Asia, as well as globally, through capacity-building, policy-shaping and awareness-raising to promote the 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), the 2030 Agenda, the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and the implementation and universalisation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Part I of the seminar is financed by the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation Fund (UNSCAR) and part II is financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada¹.

The regional seminar gathers parliamentarians from the Member Parliaments of the AIPA as well as AIPA’s observer parliaments in the Asia region and other relevant stakeholders. Parliamentary recommendations on actions will be identified as part of the preparation for the Eight Biennial Meeting of States (BMS 8) on the Un PoA on 27 June-1 July 2022 as well as the Ninth Conference of State Parties (CSP9) on the ATT in 2023.

“One of the main goals of AIPA recently is to contribute significantly through inter-parliamentary cooperation in the attainment of the aims and priorities of ASEAN, to contribute towards promoting the ASEAN peace and stability” - says Nguyen Tuong Van, Secretary General of AIPA.

”As the role of parliamentarians needs to be strengthened in international processes related to prevention of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)- related violence, enhancing parliamentarians’ active engagement and participation is vital as to contribute to more peaceful and sustainably developed societies ” – says Karin Olofsson, Secretary General of PFSALW.

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