

**Press release**

**Cambodian Legislators to Debate New Arm Law**

The Working Group for Weapons Reduction would like to express its warmest welcome to the news that Cambodian National Assembly eventually brings the draft arms law, which has waited for almost four years, for discussion in its second session scheduled on 26 April.

Since late in 1998, the Royal Government of Cambodia with the help from civil society and the international community has been making significant progress in its efforts to deal with the scourge of small arms and light weapons left over by three decade of civil war and internal turbulences. However, several challenges have been persisted the efforts. One of the challenges is the lack of a proper law to effectively regulate the uses of arms.

The draft arms law, consisting of 27 articles, is highly expected to help the Government strengthening its weapons management and control and to fight against gun abuses, which seen being constantly perpetuated.

Working Group for Weapons Reduction are well prepared to work with the Royal Government of Cambodia and other key actors, both local and international organisations to put the arms law into best practice.

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