



Global action to stop gun violence: Second Biennial Meeting of States 11-15 July 2005

Report



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Acronyms

AMACEA	Association of Member Countries of East and Central Africa
APFO	Africa Peace Forum (IANSA member in Kenya)
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATT	International Arms Trade Treaty
BICC	Bonn International Centre for Conversion
BMS	Biennial Meeting of States on the implementation of the Programme of Action on small arms
CASA	Coordinating Action on Small Arms
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration
DESA	UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DPKO	UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations
EAANSA	East African Action Network Against Small Arms
EU	European Union
FECCIWA	Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in West Africa
FECCLAHA	Fellowship of Christian Councils in the Great Lakes & Horn of Africa (IANSA member)
GIS	Group of Interested States, a group of small arms donor States
IANSA	International Action Network on Small Arms
IPPNW	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
NCA	Norwegian Church Aid
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisations
OAS	Organisation of American States
PoA	UN Programme of Action on small arms
PrepCom	Preparatory Committee for the RevCon, to be held January 2006
PRIO	Peace Research Institute Oslo
QUNO	Quakers UN Office
RevCon	The UN Conference to review the Programme of Action on small arms, to be held July 2006
SAANSA	Southern Africa Action Network on Small Arms
SALW	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SEESAC	South Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for Small Arms
SICA	Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana (Association of member countries of Central America)
SWEFOR	Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation
UNDDA	UN Department for Disarmament Affairs
UNDP	UN Development Program
UNDPA	UN Department of Political Affairs
UNHCR	UN High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	UN Fund for Children
UNIDIR	UN Institute for Disarmament Research
UNIFEM	UN Development Fund for Women
WAANSA	West Africa Action Network on Small Arms
WHO	World Health Organisation

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1. Introduction

The Second United Nations Biennial Meeting of States (BMS) was part of the follow-up process to the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects which took place in New York from 9 to 20 July 2001. At the 2001 conference, UN member states adopted the Programme of Action on small arms (PoA). The first Biennial Meeting of States was held from 7 to 11 July 2003. This second BMS was held from 11 to 15 July 2005.

Purpose of the Meeting

The BMS meetings are not negotiating meetings; the aim is to report on the implementation of the PoA agreed in 2001. The BMS also serves as an opportunity for civil society organisations to lobby and inform their governments on issues related to small arms control.

Number of sessions and time management

The official Meeting consisted of 10 three-hour sessions, held over the five-day period. The first two days were devoted to member States reporting on their implementation of the PoA. The NGOs were given a three-hour slot to present the work of civil society to combat the illicit proliferation of small arms. The final two days were devoted to thematic discussions on lessons learned, guided by a set of questions provided by the Conference Chair, Ambassador Patokallio (see annex II).

Participation of NGOs

About 190 representatives from IANSA member organisations in 60 countries were present during the meeting. At least 8 representatives of pro-gun groups also attended. 21 governments included NGOs representatives as members of their official national delegations. 6 IANSA member organisations from Pakistan were refused accreditation because of an objection by their government, the first time any NGO has been refused accreditation in the UN small arms process.

2. Record of the week

A. State reports and thematic session

38 States said they support an international Arms Trade Treaty or expressed interest in developing a legally-binding instrument on small arms transfers. A further 36 States expressed support for common standards regulating the international trade in small arms.

3 States announced that they would start the process to ratify/accede to the UN Firearms Protocol, the only binding global treaty on small arms.

At least 58 States expressed regret that the deliberations of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Marking & Tracing had not resulted in a binding international instrument. 48 States welcomed the upcoming Group of Governmental Experts to examine the issue of brokering controls.

32 States mentioned civilian possession in their official statements, even though the PoA does not explicitly refer to the regulation of civilian possession. 19 States mentioned prohibiting small arms transfers to non-state actors, another topic not explicitly referred to in the PoA.

States whose representatives have publicly expressed their government's support for an ATT:

Benin*	Kenya*	Trinidad & Tobago*
Cambodia	Mali*	Turkey*
Colombia*	Netherlands*	Uganda*
Costa Rica*	New Zealand*	UK*
Finland*	Nicaragua*	+Belize*
France*	Norway*	+Dominican Republic*
Germany*	Senegal*	+El Salvador*
Ghana*	Sierra Leone*	+Guatemala*
Guinea*	Slovenia*	+Honduras*
Holy See*	Spain	+Panama*
Iceland	Tanzania*	

* Announcements at the BMS during the plenary sessions or the open fringe meetings

+ Announcement as part of written regional statement for SICA countries and Dominican Republic (note that Costa Rica and Nicaragua have made separate public statements of support)

Official interest in a legally binding instrument on small arms transfers expressed at BMS:

Argentina	Canada	Ireland
Brazil	Denmark	Mexico

Officials from some of these States have expressed interest and even support for an Arms Trade Treaty but their governments have not made this an official position.

Official support at BMS for global principles or common standards for small arms transfers:

Albania	Ecuador	Paraguay
Austria	Estonia	Peru
Australia	Greece	Poland
Belgium	Hungary	Portugal
Bolivia	Italy	Romania
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Latvia	Serbia & Montenegro
Bulgaria	Liechtenstein	Slovakia
Chile*	Lithuania	Sweden
Colombia	Luxembourg	Switzerland*
Croatia	Macedonia	Ukraine
Cyprus	Malta	Uruguay
Czech Republic	Moldova	Venezuela

* Support from most of these States was expressed via regional statements to the BMS. Asterisked States provided support in written national statements.

Announced at BMS that they will accede /ratify the UN Firearms Protocol:

Macedonia	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
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Statements of regret at the BMS that the agreed Marking & Tracing instrument will not be legally binding:

Argentina	Mali	Turkey
Canada	Mexico	UK (for 25 EU countries and 13 associate countries)
Colombia	Morocco	Uruguay (for 4 MERCOSUR countries and 6 associates)
Congo-Brazzaville	Nigeria (for the Africa Group)	Venezuela
France	Norway	
Jamaica	Sierra Leone	
Korea, South	Tanzania	

Statements at the BMS welcoming the international negotiations on brokering

Albania	Israel	Senegal
Australia	Mexico	Spain
Brazil	Netherlands	Switzerland
India	Nigeria (for the Africa Group)	UK (for 25 EU countries and 13 associate countries)
Indonesia	Norway	

Statements at the BMS supporting the prohibition of transfers to 'non-state actors':

Argentina	Indonesia	Thailand
Brazil	Malaysia	Uruguay (for 4 MERCOSUR countries and 6 associates)
Gambia	Mexico	
India	Nigeria (for the Africa Group)	

Myanmar's statement (for ASEAN) referred to small arms transfers or leakages to armed groups as a problem.

Statements at the BMS referring to national regulation of small arms or gun control:

Algeria	Ghana	Nicaragua
Argentina	Guatemala	Norway
Benin	Indonesia	Paraguay
Brazil	Iran	Serbia and Montenegro
Canada	Israel	South Africa
Colombia	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
El Salvador	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
Gambia	Netherlands	Uruguay (for 4 MERCOSUR
Germany	New Zealand	countries and 6 associates)

Positive comments from States at the BMS about NGOs:

Argentina	Ireland	Pakistan
Brazil	Japan	Paraguay
Burkina Faso	Kenya	Peru
Canada	Korea, South	Sri Lanka
Colombia	Malawi	Thailand
El Salvador	Mali	Trinidad & Tobago
Finland	Mexico	Uganda
Guinea	Morocco	UK (for 25 EU countries and 13
India (quoting the NGO	Netherlands	associates)
presentation: 'We cannot plant or	Nicaragua (for 8 SICA countries)	
sow in a bushfire')	Norway	

Accredited IANSA member NGOs on government delegations:

Argentina	Germany	Norway
Australia	Guatemala	New Zealand
Burundi	Ireland	Nigeria
Canada	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Costa Rica	Mali	Sri Lanka
Côte d'Ivoire	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
Finland	Netherlands	UK

In addition, the delegation of Switzerland included the Small Arms Survey.

Statements of support for transforming the ECOWAS Moratorium into a legally binding Protocol:

Ghana	Mali	Sierra Leone
Guinea		

B. NGO presentations to the BMS plenary

The PoA mandates the involvement of NGOs in the UN small arms process by referring to the partnership between States and civil society in efforts to reduce the illicit trade in small arms. Following the precedent established in 2003, NGOs were permitted to address the conference during a single plenary session, the morning of 13 July.

The 3-hour session was divided into two slots. During the first half hour, six representatives from the pro-gun lobby, the World Forum on the future of Shooting Sports Activities (WFSA) made brief presentations. Then a selection of IANSA members took the floor for the remaining 2+ hours.

The IANSA presentation was structured as a moderated discussion, with the moderator asking questions of panel speakers from 16 countries. The core content of the presentation was compiled by a working group and then modified by the speakers who used examples from their own experience wherever possible. The presentation attempted to illustrate a wide range of interests and concerns from across the network. Speaking was interspersed with short video clips and presentations including IPPNW's 'One Bullet Story' and videos from the Control Arms campaign.

Moderator: Loretta Bondi (Johns Hopkins University, USA)

Theme 1: Human cost of small arms proliferation and misuse

- The human cost
- Victims and survivors
- A threat to public health
- Development costs
- Assistance to survivors

Speakers: Baffour D Amoah (Fellowship of Christian Councils & Churches in West Africa - FECCIWA and Chair of West Africa Action Network on Small Arms - WAANSA), Folade Mutota (Women's Institute for Alternative Development, Trinidad & Tobago), Dr Emperatriz Crespín (Asociación Médica para la Responsabilidad Social, MESARES; and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War - El Salvador), Dr Robert Mtonga (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, IPPNW - Zambia), Dr Christiane Agboton-Johnson (Mouvement contre les Armes Légères en Afrique de l'Ouest - MALAO, Senegal), Rebecca Peters (IANSA), Karin Wilson (Million Mom March, USA).

Theme 2: Regulating small arms users

- Small arms users
- State forces
- Private security
- Civilian possession
- Gun culture
- DDR

Speakers: Ema Tagicakibau (Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, Fiji), Jessica Soto (Amnesty International, Philippines), Denis Mizne (Sou da Paz, Brazil), Rebecca Peters (IANSA), Fadi Abi Allam (Permanent Peace Movement, Lebanon), Christiane Agboton-Johnson (Mouvement contre les Armes Légères en Afrique de l'Ouest - MALAO, Senegal).

Theme 3: Disarmament

- Production / transfers
- UN arms embargoes
- Brokering
- Marking & Tracing
- Weapons Collection & Destruction
- Control Arms
- Review Conference

Speakers: Luis Alberto Cordero (Fundación Arias para la Paz y el Progreso Humano, Costa Rica), Daniel Luz Alvarez (L'Escola de Cultura de Pau, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain), Christiane Agboton-Johnson (Mouvement contre les Armes Légères en Afrique de l'Ouest - MALAO, Senegal), Noel Stott (Institute for Security Studies, South Africa), Ilhan Berkol (Groupe de Recherche et d'Information sur la Paix et la Sécurité - GRIP, Belgium), Olga Palinkasev (Centre for Security Studies, Bosnia & Herzegovina), Rebecca Peters (IANSA).

The full text of the presentations will be posted on the IANSA website at: <http://www.iansa.org/un/bms2005/iansa.htm>

C. Side Events

Participants at the BMS took part in at least 25 side events, and launched at least 6 new publications.

NGO morning meetings and afternoon meetings

Every morning and afternoon IANSA organised NGO meetings to exchange information, set priorities for the day and brief each other on media and lobbying developments.

Monday 11 July

Small Arms Survey – diplomatic launch and press conference

Small Arms Survey held a press conference and launched the 2005 Yearbook titled *Weapons at War* which explores issues in armed conflict including the sourcing of weapons to conflict areas, weapons use, conflict deaths, and post-conflict disarmament initiatives.

Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress film screening

Viewing of the film *Weapons of Violence*; campaigning against the irresponsible use and trafficking of arms in Central America. Several IANSA members from Costa Rica, El Salvador and Panama appeared in the film and answered questions afterwards.

OSCE side event

Seminar on the *OSCE handbook* and best practices from the OSCE region.

Small Arms Survey – Gunrunning in Papua New Guinea

Diplomatic launch of the special report on small arms in Papua New Guinea.

Tuesday 12 July

ATT Breakfast meeting

An ATT breakfast meeting was sponsored by the Arias Foundation, Project Ploughshares, and Friends Committee on National Legislation. Organised in coordination with the ATT Steering Committee of NGOs, and hosted by the governments of Costa Rica, Kenya, Norway, Slovenia and Timor Leste, the objectives of the breakfast meeting were to build and increase mutual support for the ATT and the global principles it enshrines, and to explore opportunities to promote the ATT in and beyond the PoA.

IANSA press conference

Members of the UN Press Corps were invited to the press conference, which was well attended with 18 media organisations present. The conference was used to launch the Red Book's findings to the media. The speakers were Rebecca Peters of IANSA, Paul Eavis of Saferworld and Biting the Bullet, and IANSA member Stella Sabiiti of the Centre for Conflict Resolution in Uganda. See media section (page 9).

IANSA / Biting the Bullet – Red Book diplomatic launch

Owen Greene, Paul Eavis and Dan Smith (Biting the Bullet) and Rebecca Peters (IANSA) gave a seminar on the findings of the Red Book which was followed by a lively period of questions from the audience.

GIS meeting

USA and Finland reported on their current small arms projects and outlined future funding. The Hague Appeal for Peace reported on its peace education project, and International Alert reported on its gender and small arms project. Both projects were collaborations with the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs.

UNIDIR / DDA / UNDP / Small Arms Survey – Reporting on the implementation of the PoA

These organisations, designers of a support package for States reporting on their implementation of the PoA, presented the results of their analysis of State reports.

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue – Missing Pieces

Official launch of the publication *Missing Pieces: Directions for reducing gun violence through the UN process on small arms control* which provides a policy framework for multilateral progress on small arms control in the lead up to, and beyond the 2006 RevCon. In addition, it also highlights issues that have been under-recognised in the UN small arms process to date.

IANSA / Government of Germany - Reception

Social event held at the Church Centre as an opportunity for government delegates to meet NGOs in a relaxed environment.

Wednesday 13 July**Control Arms – Women under Fire**

The Control Arms report *The impact of guns on women's lives* was presented and a panel discussion was held on women's experience of armed violence and the action they are taking to reduce it. The meeting was organised by the Control Arms campaign (Amnesty International, IANSA and Oxfam International), with the IANSA Women's Network and Amnesty's Stop Violence Against Women campaign. It was chaired by Wendy Cukier (Coalition for Gun Control, Canada) and speakers included Christiane Agboton-Johnson (MALAO, Senegal), Leymah Gbowee (Women in Peacebuilding Network, Liberia) Carmen Rosa (Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible, Guatemala), Ema Tagicakibau (Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, Fiji) and Karin Wilson (Million Mom March, USA).

UNDP / UK – Securing Development

The UK Department for International Development reported on the findings of its Armed Violence and Poverty Initiative (AVPI). The findings are detailed on the website (<http://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/cics/projects/avpi/>). DfID concludes that small arms proliferation can undermine development.

UNDPA – Roles of Experts and UN Arms Embargoes

A discussion on the effective enforcement of UN arms embargoes.

NCO, PRIO, NCA – Launch: Who takes the bullet?

Launch of *Who Takes the Bullet?* Report on the effects of small arms violence.

QUNO – Conflict Management and Small Arms Demand

A panel of speakers from Uganda, Lebanon and Sri Lanka, all involved in SALW and conflict resolution work, shared their stories; followed by a discussion on how to link community-level work with UN-level work.

IANSA Public Health Network and reception

A panel presentation on "Aiming for Prevention: The Public Health Dimensions of Small Arms Violence and the UN Programme of Action" was conducted that included speakers from the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, IANSA (board member Dr. Katherine Kaufer-Christoffel), the World Health Organisation, and the Ponce School of Medicine, Puerto Rico. A case study of data to action from IPPNW/El Salvador was presented, as well as the IPPNW *One Bullet Story* from Zambia. The newly formed IANSA Public Health Network's goals and recommendations for action were presented. A reception was held afterwards.

Thursday 14 July**Geneva process / NY Small Arms Forum**

On the mornings of 14 and 15 July, diplomats from the informal meetings held in Geneva and New York met to discuss procedural matters relating to the BMS and possible areas for discussion at the PrepCom.

UNIFEM / Centre Humanitarian Dialogue – Men, Women and Armed Violence

Gender considerations in the context of armed violence and in relation to the PoA were discussed and policy recommendations focussed on the impacts and role of men *and* women in gun violence were presented.

BICC – Regional Initiatives

A discussion on capacity building – both financial and information - at the regional and sub-regional levels. The importance of a regional approach in order to prevent conflict crossing borders was supported by various examples and case studies.

SWEFOR – Parliamentary Forum on SALW

The Parliamentary Forum on SALW (consisting of parliamentarians from Latin American and European countries) proposed a resolution on small arms, reprinted in Annex III.

UK government – Transfer Controls Initiative

DDA and the UK government presented their initiative to develop international common criteria for small arms transfers. The Biting the Bullet consortium presented its 'food for thought' paper on the subject.

SEESAC / Saferworld – operational support for SALW control

A meeting aimed at practitioners, with video presentations and experiences from the field.

IANSA Strategy meeting

An informal meeting of IANSA members aimed at discussing the next steps for NGOs working to reduce gun violence as we approach the PrepCom and RevCon 2006.

Public Health Network Strategy Meeting

Members of the new IANSA network met to strategise on priorities for 2006. A press release on the launch of the Network was issued the following day.

BICC / Government of Germany – Photo exhibition

Launched at the German Mission to the UN, this photo exhibition seeks to raise awareness of the need for SALW control.

Friday 15 July

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue / Mexico / Sierra Leone / Canada – National Gun Regulations: Policy Issues

A packed room heard presentations on the impact of gun violence in non-conflict and post-conflict settings, and the public health and law enforcement results from updating national arms control laws.

Control Arms Workshop

Update on the Control Arms campaign (organised by Amnesty International, IANSA and Oxfam International). NGO representatives from various countries gave a briefing on how the campaign is going in their countries.

UNDDA / DESA – CASA

The UN Department for Disarmament Affairs presented the CASA database, for information sharing and increased coordination between UN agencies. Information from the database will eventually become publicly available and will benefit donors and civil society as well as States and UN agencies.

UN Interagency Working Group – Briefing on DDR standards

The working group (including DPKO, UNDP, UNDDA and UNIFEM) presented the work on integrated DDR standards and informed about the planned launch of the DDR resource centre in late October.

Pax Christi – Security when the State Fails

Presentation of the work of the Nairobi Working Group on small arms (comprising Pax Christi, AMACEA, APFO, FECCLAHA and NCA). Working on demand-side issues, including the concerns of pastoralist communities, the goal is to establish a civil society clearinghouse for the Nairobi Declaration region.

Sou da Paz / Viva Rio / Save the Children – Gun violence in non-war settings

New research presented on the positive impact of gun law reform in Brazil.

Africa Forum on Small Arms (AFOnSA)

Representatives of SAANSA, EANSA and WAANSA formed the Africa Forum on Small Arms (AFOnSA). AFOnSA will serve as a clearinghouse and to strengthen collaboration among the existing civil society sub-regional networks. Baffour D. Amoah of Ghana was unanimously elected its first Chairperson.

Saturday 16 July

IANSA Ecumenical Network

Facilitated by SweFOR, the Ecumenical Network on Small Arms (ENSA) held a strategy meeting to plan for the upcoming PrepCom and RevCon 2006.

3. Media report

With the help of its members, IANSA managed to gain excellent media coverage around the world.

- The main UN-based media activity was the press launch of the **new Red Book** by IANSA and Biting the Bullet on Tuesday 12 July. Our main point was that four years after the Programme of Action was agreed, most governments were failing to keep their promises to tackle small arms. The **press conference**, to which the UN Press Corps were invited, was attended by journalists from 18 media organisations (which was impressive given that Kofi Annan was speaking on a different subject at the same time), and was picked up by Reuters. The speakers were Rebecca Peters of IANSA, Paul Eavis of Saferworld and Biting the Bullet, and IANSA member Stella Sabiiti of the Centre for Conflict Resolution in Uganda.
- IANSA members then worked hard to **distribute the press release** to journalists in their own countries, whose contact details they had brought with them to the conference. Many of them did interviews, making the story relevant to the small arms problem in their countries or regions. One member stayed up until 0230 New York time to do a live radio interview in a different time zone!

- The largest audience we gained was the **BBC World Service's Newshour**, which goes out to 120 million people around the world. Four IANSA members gave excellent interviews, which were commended by the producer of the programme in London and appeared on the 'highlights' section of Newshour's website.
- The **Control Arms campaign** (Amnesty International, IANSA and Oxfam International) released a statement on Thursday 14 July, criticising the new UN marking and tracing agreement for not being legally binding and for excluding ammunition.
- As the end of the conference neared, the **Control Arms campaign** (Amnesty International, IANSA and Oxfam International) put out a press release on Friday 15 July, applauding the 13 new governments who had clearly expressed support for the Arms Trade Treaty in their statements.
- The IANSA **Public Health Network**, coordinated by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and advised by IANSA board member Dr. Kathy Kaufer Christoffel announced its launch in a press release.

See Annex I for a list of media coverage achieved with these stories.

Congratulations to all IANSA members who did media interviews, and many thanks to those who helped with last-minute translations of press releases.

The **Small Arms Survey** launched the *Small Arms Survey 2005: Weapons at War* during the conference, and achieved widespread coverage of its finding that small arms cause between 60% and 90% of direct conflict deaths.

The US **pro-gun lobby** had obtained accreditation as part of the UN Press Corps. Their camera crew, under the name of a news organisation called Sirius, spent the week filming in the UN, including the NGO presentation, the IANSA press conference, and some side meetings. Two hours of edited footage appeared on the website of the National Rifle Association each day during the conference, vilifying IANSA and its activities and criticising the UN process on small arms.

APPENDIX I: Global media coverage of UN Biennial Meeting of States on Small Arms, 11-15 July 2005

Date	Country	Outlet	Headline	URL
22 July	Tanzania	The Guardian	Arms Treaty Gets Support from 13 Additional Governments	http://www.ippmedia.com/ipp/guardian/2005/07/22/45060.html
22 July	Bangladesh	The Daily Ittefaq	400,000 Illegal Small Arms in the Country (front page)	
22 July		The Thikana (Bengali language newspaper in North America)	Interview with IANSA member Sharif A. Kafi (Bangladesh)	
21 July	Italy	Zenit (Vatican)	La Santa Sede se adhiere a la campaña para el control internacional de armas	http://es.catholic.net/laiglesiahoy/mundoarticulo.phtml?consecutivo=74516
20 July	Dubai	Khaleej Times	How Sri Lanka is Held Hostage to Thousands of Illegal Arms	http://www.khaleejtimes.com/Displayarticle.asp?section=opinion&xfile=data/opinion/2005/july/opinion_july51.xml
20 July	South Africa	Voice of the Cape radio	Interview with Joseph Dube of IANSA	
20 July	Pakistan	Dawn	Small Arms Control Remains 'Toothless'	http://www.dawn.com/2005/07/20/int12.htm
19 July	India	Mumbai newspaper	Interview with Vijayam Raghunathan of SASA-Net	
18 July	Germany	Neues Deutschland	Waffenhandel gehört unter Kontrolle (interview with Rebecca Peters)	
18 July	Australia	Australian Broadcasting Corporation	Interview with Rebecca Peters	
18 July	Spain	La Vanguardia	ICV buscará el apoyo de Zapatero para controlar la venta de armas	http://www.lavanguardia.es/res/20050718/51189329932.html?urlback=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Elavanguardia%2Ees%2Fweb%2F20050718%2F51189329932%2Ehtml
18 July		UN News Centre	Implementing existing agreements key for combating small arms trade	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=15062&Cr=small&Cr1=arms
18 July		Inter Press Service	Small Arms Control Remains 'Toothless'	
17 July	Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago Express	Bite the Bullet	http://www.trinidadexpress.com/index.pl/article_news?id=90215324
16 July	Argentina	La Nacion	Apoyo de 13 países al tratado de control de venta de armas	http://www.lanacion.com.ar/externo/nota.asp?nota_id=721686
16 July	Canada	Toronto Star	Small arms inflict huge toll	
15 July		Newshour, BBC World Service	Interviews with IANSA members Stella Sabiiti (Uganda), Rubem Cesar Fernandes (Brazil), Jessica Soto (Philippines) and Joseph Dube (South Africa)	
15 July	Spain	Terra (España)	España se suma a países que apoyan un tratado control venta armas	http://actualidad.terra.es/nacional/articulo/espana_suma_paises_apoyan_tratado_404839.htm
15 July	Ghana	GhanaWeb	Ghana supports international Arms Trade Treaty	http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=85875
15 July		Asia Pulse	Pacific Island Nations to have Common Approach on Weapons Control	http://au.news.yahoo.com/050715/3/v3nl.html
14 July		UN Radio (Spanish)	Interview with Carmen Rosa de Leon (Guatemala)	
14 July		Desarme.org		
14 July	South Africa	News 24 South Africa	Small Arms Threaten Africa	http://www.news24.com/News24/Africa/News/0,,2-11-1447_1737153,00.html
14 July	UK	The Guardian	UN arms trade deal toothless, say critics	http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,3604,1528032,00.html
14 July	Ireland	Irish Times	Arms are still available despite UN action plan	
14 July	New Zealand	Radio New Zealand International (via BBC Monitoring Service)	UN forum told of concerns over armed police in Pacific	
13 July	Turkey	Anatolia news agency (via BBC Monitoring Service)	Turkish UN envoy views cooperation against illicit trade in small arms	

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13 July		NewsWire.com	Statements to meeting on illicit small arms	http://i-newsWire.com/pr36224.html
13 July		De Havilland Information Services	Study flags up dangers of small arms	
13 July		UPI	UN members draft small arms proposal	http://www.sciencedaily.com/upi/?feed=TopNews&article=UPI-1-20050712-19271300-bc-un-weapons.xml
13 July		UN News Centre	UN officials stress need to curb portable missiles, other light arms used in terror	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=15001&Cr=small&Cr1=arm
13 July	Spain	EFE and El Mundo	600 ONG denuncian la escasa acción de los gobiernos para frenar la proliferación de las armas ligeras	http://www.elmundo.es/elmundo/2005/07/13/solidaridad/1121266104.html
13 July	Canada	National Post	Talk of Regulating Small Arms Possession has Canadian Gun Owners Fearful	http://www.rsrgroup.com/opnindnews7_13_053.php
12 July		Reuters	UN arms plan misses mark, anti-gun network says	
12 July		Inter Press Service	Small Arms, Big Problem	
12 July	USA	Washington Post	UN arms plan misses mark, says anti-gun network	http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N12592532.htm
12 July		UN News Centre	Annan lauds progress against small arms smuggling, calls for accord against illicit arms dealing	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=14995&Cr=small&Cr1=arm
12 July		UN News Centre	Key report on illicit weapons gives guidelines on tracing and information exchange	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=14995&Cr=small&Cr1=arm
12 July	Iran	Islamic Republic News Agency	Annan lauds progress against arms smuggling	http://www.irna.ir/en/news/view/line-16/0507120409121407.htm
12 July		AFP	Most Conflict death 'caused by small arms'	
12 July	China	China Radio International	Crackdown on Illegal Small Arms Trade	
12 July		Servicio Informativo del Vaticano	Arzobispo Migliore: Crear tratado sobre comercio armas	http://www.ewtn.com/vnews/getstory.asp?number=58554
11 July		Associated Press	True number of conflict death worldwide is vastly underreported, report says	http://ap.tbo.com/ap/breaking/MGB8NECJ1BE.html
11 July		CBC News	UN study says small arms fire deadliest	
11 July	Canada	National Post and CanWest News Service	Gun owners take fight against Ottawa to UN	http://www.bcwf.bc.ca/s=308/bcw1121227969258/
11 July	Nigeria	Radio Nigeria	Interview with Mimidoo Achakpa	
11 July	Iran	Islamic Republic News Agency	Radio interview with Anthea Lawson	
11 July	New Zealand	Scoop	Annan Lauds Progress Against Arms Smuggling	http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/print.html?path=WO0507/S00209.htm
10 July	Iran	Islamic Republic News Agency	UN holds meeting on eradication of illicit trade of light weapons	http://www.irna.ir/en/news/view/line-16/0507100263145534.htm
8 July	New Zealand	Scoop	UN to Chart Progress Suppressing Small Arms Trade	http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/print.html?path=WO0507/S00183.htm
7 July		John Lott's website	UN meets this week to discuss banning guns (07-70-05)	http://johnlott.tripod.com/2005/07/un-meets-this-week-to-discuss-banning_11.html
4 July	UK	Letters to the Editor, London Times by Dr. Oscar Arias	Peace Laureate urges G8 Leaders to Promote Arms Trade Treaty	

ANNEX II: Questions considered during the thematic discussion**1. Weapons Collection and destruction**

What lessons are there to be learned from "buy-back" and "weapons in exchange for development" schemes?

Stockpile management

What other means than marking and record keeping are there to make stockpile management more effective and protect stockpiles from unauthorized access?

Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of former combatants

How best to take into account the different needs of female and male former combatants/associates as well as the needs of their dependents in the planning of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes?

2. Capacity-building

What are the major bottlenecks in national capacity building, and how best to overcome them?

Resource mobilisation

What would be the most effective ways to match needs and resources, including international assistance?

Institution building

What are the main lessons learned from setting up and operating national coordination agencies (national commissions)?

3. Marking and tracing**4. Linkages (terrorism, organised crime, trafficking in drugs and precious minerals)**

What could be done within the framework of the Programme of Action to enhance an integrated approach to these linkages?

5. Import/export control

How best to enhance the use of authorized end-user certificates to ensure effective control of the transfers of SALW?

Illicit brokering

What lessons can be learned from national regulations concerning registration and licensing of brokering activities?

6. Human development

How to mainstream the Programme of Action into national policies and priorities for human development to support, inter alia, the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals?

Public awareness and culture of peace

What lessons can be learned from existing programmes promoting public awareness and culture of peace?

Children, women and the elderly

How better to protect children from the consequences of armed conflict?

ANNEX III: Some of the publications launched at the BMS*

IANSA:

Position papers – *Supply, Demand, Ownership, Reducing existing stocks, Misuse by state officials*

These concise (2 sides each) papers were designed to provide policy guidance for diplomats taking part in the thematic debates at the end of the week.

Small Arms – Essential Documents (IANSA CD)

Almost 1000 documents including reports, international agreements, UN resolutions and other publications arranged by theme and by region. User-friendly design functions as a website on a disk.

IANSA Factsheets – Gun violence – a global epidemic, Gender and gun violence, Gun violence and poverty, Global action to save lives (about the PoA), The global movement against gun violence (about IANSA)

Biting the Bullet (Bradford University, International Alert and Saferworld):

International Action on Small Arms: Implementing the Programme of Action, 2005

Biting the Bullet and IANSA

The Red Book is a comprehensive review of implementation of the PoA from NGO members. A major finding was that more than 120 states have failed to review their laws and regulations governing small arms.

Small Arms Survey

Small Arms Survey 2005: Weapons at War

The most recent yearbook of the Small Arms Survey finds that small arms contribute between 60 and 90 percent of all direct war deaths, estimated to be 80,000 - 108,000 for 2003. Other chapters provide an overview of small arms ammunition issues as well as new and updated information on small arms production, stockpiles and transfers.

Armed and Aimless: Armed Groups, Guns, and Human Security in the Ecowas Region,

The report documents more than 30 armed groups that have operated in ECOWAS member states since 1998. The report finds that the leakage of state-owned weapons through theft, seizure, and corruption is a primary source of small arms and light weapons for many armed groups.

Gun-running in Papua New Guinea: From Arrows to Assault Weapons in the Southern Highlands

This new report finds that in the Southern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea, approximately 2,450 factory-made firearms are held by private owners. These include between 500 and 1,040 high-powered weapons, most of which are assault rifles. Very few of these guns were smuggled from foreign countries. Instead, police and soldiers within PNG supplied the most destructive firearms used in crime and conflict.

Control Arms campaign and affiliates

Towards an Arms Trade Treaty. Next Steps for the UN Programme of Action

Control Arms campaign (Amnesty International, IANSA and Oxfam International)

Democratic Republic of Congo: Arming the East?

Amnesty International's report finds that illegal arms transfers are fuelling human rights violations in eastern DRC.

Others

Missing Pieces: Directions for reducing gun violence through the UN process on small arms control

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

What more is needed in the coming decade to reduce gun violence, control the arms trade, and end the misuse of small arms and light weapons? This report publication missing pieces of the puzzle, with recommendations for action.

Who takes the bullet? – The impact of small arms violence.

Norwegian Church Aid and the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO)

The report outlines the human and development costs of gun violence.

How secure do YOU feel?

UNHCR

This special issue of the UNHCR house magazine, REFUGEEES, examines the human impact of gun violence through the effect on the physical security of refugees.

Neither war Nor peace: International Comparisons of Children and Youth in Organised Armed Violence

Viva Rio / IANSA

A ten-country study on the involvement of children and youth in armed violence in non-war contexts.

Brazil: the Arms and the Victims

Viva Rio

A complete and up-to-date study examining the health impacts of gun violence in Brazil, demand for small arms, national gun laws, and the small arms industry in Brazil.

ANNEX IV: NGO attendance list

Country	Organisation
Albania	Center for Peace and Disarmament Education
Angola	Angola 2000
Argentina	Instituto de Estudios Comparados en Ciencias Penales y Sociales
Argentina	Save the Children
Australia	Australian National University
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Development Partnership Centre
Bangladesh	South Asian Partnership - Bangladesh
Belgium	Amnesty International - Belgium
Belgium	Groupe de Recherche et d'Information sur la Paix et la Sécurité
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Centre for Security Studies
Brazil	Children in Organised Armed Violence
Brazil	Sou da Paz
Brazil	Viva Rio
Bulgaria	Centre for the Study of Democracy
Cambodia	Working Group for Weapons Reduction
Canada	Coalition for Gun Control
Canada	Project Ploughshares
Canada	Quaker United Nations Office - Geneva
Colombia	Andean Regional Network on Small Arms
Colombia	Mujeres Abogados
Costa Rica	Fundación Arias para la Paz y el Progreso Humano
El Salvador	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
Ethiopia	Oxfam GB
Fiji	Pacific Concerns Resource Centre
Finland	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
Finland	Civil Society Conflict Prevention Network
Finland	Peace Union of Finland
France	Agir Ici
France	Amnesty International - France
France	Caritas - France
Georgia	Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development
Germany	Bonn International Center for Conversion
Germany	Oxfam Deutschland
Germany	Peace Research Institute
Ghana	West Africa Action Network on Small Arms/ Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in West Africa
Guatemala	Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible
India	Citizens Collective Guwahati
India	Indian Institute for Peace, Disarmament & Environmental Protection
Ireland	Pax Christi – Ireland
Japan	Association for Aid and Relief
Japan	Interband
Japan	Peaceboat
Japan	Terra Renaissance
Kenya	African Peace Forum
Kenya	Kenya Coalition Against Landmines
Kenya	Oxfam GB
Kosovo	Forum for Civic Initiatives
Lebanon	Permanent Peace Movement
Liberia	Women in Peacebuilding Network
Macedonia	CIVIL

Macedonia	Journalists for Children and Women's Rights and Protection of the Environment
Malawi	Centre for Human Rights and Rehabilitation
Mali	Oxfam GB
Mali	Amnesty International - Mali
Mexico	Centro Mexicano de Análisis Estratégicos y Negociación Internacional
Morocco	Amnesty International - Morocco
Mozambique	Conselho Cristao
Nepal	South Asian Small Arms Network
New Zealand	Australian National University
New Zealand	IANSAs Pacific
Nigeria	IANSAs Women's Network
Norway	Amnesty International
Norway	International Peace Research Institute
Panama	Servicio de Paz y Justicia
Paraguay	Amnistia Internacional - Paraguay
Philippines	Amnesty International - Pilipinas
Portugal	Coimbra University / Peace Studies Group
Puerto Rico	IANSAs Public Health Network
Senegal	Afrique Enjeux
Senegal	Africa Strategy and Peace Research Group
Senegal	Amnesty International - Senegal
Senegal	Mouvement contre les Armes Légères en Afrique de l'Ouest
Senegal	Oxfam GB
Senegal	Oxfam America
Serbia & Montenegro	Balkan Youth Union
South Africa	Gun Free South Africa
South Africa	IANSAs Secretariat
South Africa	Institute for Security Studies
South Africa	SaferAfrica
Spain	Autonomous University of Barcelona
Spain	Oxfam-Intermon
Sri Lanka	South Asian Small Arms Network – Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka	Peace & Community Action
Sweden	Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation
Switzerland	Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
Switzerland	International Peace Bureau
Switzerland	Quaker United Nations Office – Geneva
Switzerland	Small Arms Survey
Switzerland	World Council of Churches
Syria	Arab Net for Research on Landmines & Explosive Remnants of War
Thailand	Nonviolence International
Trinidad & Tobago	Women's Institute for Alternative Development
Turkey	Amnesty International
Uganda	Centre for Conflict Resolution
Uganda	People with Disabilities
Uganda	Uganda Joint Christian Council
UK	Amnesty International – International Secretariat
UK	Bradford University
UK	IANSAs Secretariat
UK	International Alert
UK	Oxfam GB
UK	Oxford University
UK	Saferworld
UK	University of Durham

Uruguay	Aludec
USA	American Friends Service Committee
USA	Amnesty International - IS
USA	Amnesty International - US
USA	Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
USA	Friends Committee on National Legislation
USA	Franciscans International
USA	Hague Appeal for Peace
USA	HELP Network
USA	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
USA	Million Mom March
USA	New Yorkers Against Gun Violence
USA	Oxfam America
USA	Oxfam International
USA	Parliamentarians for Global Action
USA	Quaker United Nations Office – New York
USA	Vivat International
Zambia	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War