

Amnesty International

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of human rights activists and financial supporters. They work together to prevent violations of people's fundamental civil and political human rights by governments and opposition groups.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

Through its special interest programs, Amnesty International brings together people who wish to use their special skills, interests and influence to further the work of AI in general or to work on specific issues in an area of particular importance to them. For instance, the Human Rights Education Pilot Project is an independent and self-sufficient project whereby teachers receive Education Materials in exchange for holding a fundraising pledge collecting activity with a human rights component. As well, the Educators Network consists of teachers and other professionals in the field of education who have a special interest in promoting human rights education.