

Briefing and Discussion
on the UN 2001 Conference on Illicit Trade of Small Arms in All its Aspects 8 2002

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Attending (* teleconference)

- Dr. Neil Arya, President, Physicians for Global Survival; Co-Vice President, IPPNW*
- Yves Beaulieu, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAIT), IDA
- Rubem Caesar Fernandes, Viva Rio*
- Dr. Antoine Chapdelaine, Representative on Small Arms for the Quebec Public Health Association
- Jim Coflin, J. Coflin & Associates
- Wendy Cukier, Professor of Justice Studies, Ryerson Polytechnic University; President, Coalition for Gun Control
- Priscilla de Villiers, CAVEAT
- Tina Edan, Coalition for Gun Control
- Brooks Gray, Small Arms Firearms Education and Research Network (SAFER-Net)
- Debbie Grisdale, Executive Director, Physicians for Global Survival
- Joe Gunn, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
- James Hayes, Coordinator, International Firearms Issues, Justice Canada
- David Jackman, Associate Representative, Quaker United Nations Office*

- Adele Kirsten, Gun Free South Africa *
- Steven Lee, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development
- Lora Lumpe, International Peace Research Institute, author of *Running Guns: the Black Market in Small Arms*
- Marilou McPhedran, Program Director, International women's Rights - Refugee Studies, York University
- Jonathan Morse, Special Assistant to John Manley
- Greg Puley, Project Coordinator, ARIAS Foundation
- Julie Rechel, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development
- Chantale Walker, CCFPD
- Vincent Westwick, Legal Advisor, Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service
- Dr. Owens Wiwa, African Environmental and Human Development Agency (AFRIDA), Nigeria/Canada
- Shayna Watson, Physicians for Global Survival

Regrets

- Peggy Mason, DFAIT
- Denis Chouinard, IDA-DFAIT
- Ernie Regehr, Project Ploughshares
- David Pimm, Department of Justice

Abstract

A consultation was held with academics, NGOs and governments to build on the results of a consultation of the Ottawa Group with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) regarding the upcoming United Nations 2001 Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. Participants reviewed the nature of the problem from a variety of perspectives, including: South Africa, Latin America, East Africa as well as from the perspectives of disarmament, policing, health and gender. Government representatives summarized the status of DFAIT initiatives to date as well as the status of the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime. Finally, representatives of various NGO's including the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) discussed preparations for the conference and the next steps in the process.

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