

**Arms Trade Treaty Preparatory Committee 13-17 February 2012  
Summary Report: Plenary Session: Afternoon - 14 February 2012**

Delegations making statements:

**Algeria, Arab Group (delivered by the Egyptian delegation), Egypt, Fiji, France, Germany, Grenada, Italy, Jamaica, Netherlands, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, the United States and Yemen.**

Delegations made statements in regard to the need for an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), its desired characteristics and procedures for the PrepCom and the final negotiations. There was much debate whether adoption of the Treaty should only happen by consensus, though **France** and the **United Republic of Tanzania** also noted that seeking consensus should not be used to block the successful conclusion of the conference. The Algerian delegation requested a report that would show the various positions of States on different elements of the ATT. **Grenada** was concerned that having simultaneous meetings would negatively impact participation by small states and this should be avoided.

Other noteworthy statements:

- The ATT should have broad support, so that it may be signed by as many countries as possible (**Germany, France**)
- The ATT should be strong and robust (**Germany, Jamaica, France**)
- Supports active NGO participation and would like to see the NGO role expanded (**Germany, Fiji, France, Jamaica, Tanzania, Netherlands, Grenada, Italy, United States**)
- State sovereignty and States' right to legitimate self-defense reaffirmed (**Fiji**)
- Supports international humanitarian law and international human rights included in ATT criteria (**France**)
- Expressed support for procedural changes (**Egypt** on behalf of the **Arab Group**)
- The scope of the ATT should be expansive (**United Republic of Tanzania**) and include: ammunition, tear gas and all conventional weapons (**Netherlands**); ammunition, small arms and light weapons (**Uganda**)
- The Treaty should be universal, balanced, non-discriminatory (**Yemen**)
- Wants an ATT that contributes to global peace and security (**Uganda**)

The meeting was adjourned early in order to address the divergent views on the rules and procedures. Any delegation wishing to make changes to the rules and procedures was invited to a separate meeting at the conclusion of the session. An amended rules and procedures document will be submitted.