

## **AMMAN PLAN OF ACTION**

***We Members of Parliament from Jordan, Bahrain, Iraq, Pakistan, Tunisia, Somalia and Yemen, meeting at this Regional Middle East/North Africa Parliamentary Workshop in Amman, Jordan to Promote Ratification, Accession and Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty***

*Aware of* the devastating human consequences of inadequately addressing the illicit trade in arms, including in the Middle East and North Africa region.

*Aware also* of the often extreme and disproportionate negative impact of the illicit trade in conventional arms on women

*Recognizing* the negative impact of this trade on attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goals 11 and 16, relating to the importance of ensuring safe cities and peaceful societies, as well as all urban and rural communities

*Applauding* the fact that 130 countries signed the Arms Trade Treaty within the prescribed period, and that, to date, 91 countries have ratified this crucial international convention

*Mindful* of the importance of greater participation of countries from the Middle East and North Africa region in the ATT,

### ***Undertake to:***

1. *Advocate* for ratification of, accession to and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty by our respective Governments, by, as appropriate, tabling motions, orders, resolutions and/or asking questions in committee and/or plenary sessions in our respective parliaments with this objective, as well as reaching out to relevant Government Ministers with the same goal
2. *Reach out*, as appropriate, to the people who we represent as well as national media newspapers, TV and/or other media outlets in our respective countries to raise awareness surrounding the ATT and its importance, as well as to draw attention to this Regional Workshop and this Plan of Action
3. *Seek also* to engage with regional parliamentary organizations and other relevant organizations, as well as civil society organizations in our respective countries to promote ratification of, accession to, and implementation of the ATT.
4. *Stay* in contact with the PGA Secretariat on a regular basis and to report back to the PGA Secretariat on any steps we have been able to take pursuant to this Plan of Action, on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

*Done in Amman, this 6th Day of December, 2016*