



### **KATHMANDU PLAN OF ACTION**

*Recognizing* the devastating human consequences of inadequately addressing the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in Asia and around the world

*Cogniscent also* of 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

*Aware of* the disproportionate impact of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons on women and children

*Applauding* the fact that 130 countries signed the Arms Trade Treaty and that, to date, 81 countries have ratified this crucial international convention

*Taking note of* the upcoming Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects at the United Nations in New York from 6-10 June, 2016

***Determined that, as Parliamentarians from the Region, we will seek, as appropriate to:***

1. Advocate for prompt ratification and implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty by our respective Governments, including, as appropriate, tabling motions, orders, resolutions in parliament with this objective, as well as reaching out to relevant Government Ministers, and with the support of civil society
2. Upon ratification of the ATT, encourage our Governments to submit national implementation reports and other reports due under the ATT in a timely and comprehensive manner
3. Exercise greater oversight over proposed Government defence contracts and seek greater transparency and provision of information in procurement processes
4. Encourage our respective Governments to participate fully and effectively in the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (PoA on SALW) by including of Members of Parliament in official Delegations, given the fundamental role of Parliamentarians in implementation and the legislative drafting process
5. Encourage our Governments to submit biennial national reports due under the PoA on SALW in a timely and comprehensive manner
6. Urge our Governments also, simultaneously, to ratify and implement all treaties which seek to improve global security, including the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention