



Parliamentarians for Global Action



PGA TO HOST CONTROL ARMS COALITION PROJECT IN NEW YORK *Partners include IANSA, Oxfam International, Amnesty International and SweFOR*

New York, 31 March, 2011 - Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is pleased to announce that it will host the Control Arms Coalition (CAC) project in New York.

This is an important and exciting step forward for all of us involved in making the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) a reality in the next two years. As you all know, the ATT is now being formally negotiated at UN Headquarters, with the Third PrepCom to take place in July 2011 before final administrative/procedural work, and, we all hope, an agreed text for the treaty itself later in 2012.

In addition to our ongoing close work with parliamentarians and relevant government officials, and within this new framework, PGA will now be collaborating more closely with the Control Arms Coalition, which includes, among others, IANSA, Oxfam International, Amnesty International and the Swedish Fellowship for Reconciliation (SweFOR), in particular vis-a-vis the ATT. In addition to the upcoming 3rd ATT PrepCom in July 2011, PGA and Control Arms will work together in organizing PGA's 33rd Annual Forum on Armed Violence and Development, to take place from October 28-30, 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, as well as cooperating closely in connection with other activities in the run-up to the 2012 final stages of negotiation of the Arms Trade Treaty.

This new partnership will, among other positive steps, allow for increased inclusion as well as strengthened participation of parliamentarians as key stakeholders in the ATT negotiation process, both in terms of their essential pro-ATT advocacy work over the coming 18 months, as well as vis-a-vis their vital work on domestic implementing legislation, once a Treaty text is agreed and it enters into force in the coming years. It will also allow for a more intensive cooperation between parliamentarians and civil society for the ATT.

We look forward to working closely with the Control Arms Coalition and all our partners and friends in a successful campaign for a meaningful and effective ATT. For further information on PGA's ongoing global conventional disarmament advocacy work, please contact Peter Barcroft, Senior Programme Officer, PGA at peter.barcroft@pgaction.org

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