

MEDIA INVITATION

Petition and 3 Declarations Handover to UNSG Ban Ki-moon

Over 500,000 people around the world endorse a strong Arms Trade Treaty

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WHAT: PHOTO CALL: Petition and three Declarations

Handover to UNSG Ban Ki-moon, who will speak

WHEN: 11:15 – 11:40 Tuesday, July 3, 2012

WHERE: Press stake-out area, North Lawn Building.

WHO: Handover to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon of a petition and declarations

(See below for full bios and quotes for speakers)

• Salil Shetty (Secretary General, Amnesty International)

Jasmin Nario-Galace (Philippine Action Network to Control Arms- PhilANCA)

- Julius Arile Lomerinyang (Control Arms "Millionth Supporter")
- Ross Robertson, M.P. (Parliamentarians for Global Action-PGA)
- Bishop Elias Taban (President, Sudan Evangelical Alliance)
- Dr. Ogebe Onazi (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

WHY: The Control Arms campaign includes organizations from more than 125 countries. Campaigners are calling on political leaders to agree on a strong Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) in New York in July, with common standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms and ammunition.

In the past few months, 500,000 people around the world have signed a Petition in support of a strong Arms Trade Treaty. In addition, and in recognition of their own important contributions and responsibilities, thousands of senior religious leaders from major religious traditions, noted medical professionals and prominent parliamentarians in over 100 countries worldwide have, respectively, signed 3 Declarations, also endorsing the necessity for a bullet proof ATT.

On Tuesday, July 3rd, at 11:15 AM in the UN in NY, these campaigners, as representatives of global civil society, will meet with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to hand over the Petition and three Declarations.

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