



## Office of Hon Murray McCully

Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Mr Ross Robertson  
MP for Manukau East  
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Dear Ross

Thank you for your letter of 11 July 2012 on the Arms Trade Treaty negotiations and the work of Parliamentarians for Global Action.

You will have seen by now that the four-week negotiating conference concluded recently without agreeing on a treaty. New Zealand was steadfast throughout the negotiations, pushing for a comprehensive, high-quality treaty that would have real humanitarian dividends. In the end, a result was not possible. That is a huge disappointment, not only for New Zealand but for the many other countries, NGOs and people around the world who worked hard for a positive outcome. We are determined to continue this work, however, and will be pressing hard for the negotiations to restart as soon as possible, possibly in the context of the UN General Assembly meetings later in the year.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Murray McCully', written over a faint blue line.

Hon Murray McCully  
Minister of Foreign Affairs