

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States (BMS6): Country Positions Report

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Mentions	Country	In Favor	Against	Notes
Ammunition	Caricom	x		“We continue to stress that stockpile management should include ammunition”
	EU	x		Express the need to look at synergies
	Trinidad and Tobago	x		“Fully support references to ammunition in the outcome document”
	Australia	x		Wants ammunition to be included
	Japan	x		They say we need to include ammunition in the conversation
	Guatemala	x		Importance of including issue of ammunition in the scope of the PoA – “ammunition is essential components of weapons” and therefore it must be included... On 7 June also says that ammunition is very important and needs to be included
	Mali	x		Say that the crisis in Mali was fed by SALW and ammunition
	Arab States	x		Created a regional instrument called Arab Modern Law that includes ammunition
	Colombia	x		Expresses extreme importance of including ammunition

Peru	x		Stresses the importance of including ammunition in the document
Sweden	x		Speak on the importance of including ammunition
Namibia	x		Strongly wants the inclusion of ammunition , they see it as essential and integral and it must be included
Argentina	x		Say we need to include ammunition in the document
Ghana	x		Presents statement supported by 40 members about the importance of the inclusion of ammunition
Senegal	x		Has vast stockpile and ammunition campaigns
Guatemala	x		Explains ammunition is important
Qatar	x		Has issued a national weapons ammunition act
Peru	x		Have national measures/laws that deal with ammunition
Algeria	x		Mentions that they have measures in place to combat the illicit trade of ammunition
Mali	x		Supports statement made by Ghana about ammunition
CASA	x		Helps states reach goals dealing with ammunition
OSCE	x		Mentions that they have done work on ammunition
Guatemala	x		Regret that there is no ammunition but support the outcome document
Mexico	x		Regret that ammunition is not in document, but still support it
ATT / PoA	EU	x	We should welcome SALW in ATT
	France	x	ATT – must be included - compliment PoA
	Australia	x	Agree that progress and implementation of ATT is in immediate relevance to implementation of PoA
	Austria	x	ATT – “has been most significant”
	Trinidad and Tobago	x	“Fully support references to ATT in outcome document”
	UK	x	Welcomes inclusion of SALW in ATT
	Japan	x	“We should pursue synergy with ATT”
	Argentina	x	ATT has given international community a good measure, wants to see mention of it in PoA

Paraguay	x		“We recognize that is a legal framework... that is very important” and “support the inclusion of a reference”
Spain	x		“We must also look at the ATT and other relevant treaties”
Guatemala	x		Want to see reference to it
Jamaica	x		Mentions ATT specifically and wants PoA to mention it
Mexico	x		Need to look at synergies, especially the ATT
Venezuela		X	"ATT says nothing about nonstate actors"
African Union	x		In favor of ATT, wants to increase synergies
League of Arab States		X	Wants to keep “independence of PoA from other international instruments”
OSCE	x		In favor of synergies
CARICOM Impacts	x		Want to see ATT partnered with PoA and other synergies
Uruguay	x		Says there is an intrinsic link between PoA and ATT and they need to include a reference to ATT
Finland	x		ATT shares many goals with PoA and it must be included in outcome document – they were adamant about its inclusion
Brazil		X	Does not explicitly mention ATT but says that "while we see the value" in other instruments they want them to be treated as independent
Colombia	x		Importance of the synergies especially the ATT
Thailand	x		Signatory on ATT, says its necessary to include
Peru	x		Says we need to include synergies
Sweden	x		Does not explicitly mention ATT but says that mutually reinforcing instruments need to be included
Canada	x		Says PoA and ATT are complimentary instruments
Togo	x		Says we need to harmonize instruments
Cote d'Ivoire	x		Says they have nearly ratified all of the legally binding international instruments
EU	x		Reiterates position that ATT is very important

Mr. Prince, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch of the UN	x		Mentions how ATT is doing work on combating SALW
EU	x		EU supporting states to implement ATT, especially in terms of export control systems
Australia	x		Remarks about UNSCAR and how they will give funding to both PoA and ATT
UK	x		Says they “Welcome the addition of SALW in ATT and remain committed to its implementation” and they help states to reach ATT
Thailand	x		Says they have worked with Germany to create a workshop on implementation of PoA and ATT
Turkey	x		Calls ATT “important milestone”
Venezuela		X	“Of the 18 projects approved by UNSCAR most of them were geared toward the ATT”, says those that were geared toward PoA dealt with synergy between PoA and ATT
Egypt		X	UNSCAR focuses on controversial issues like the ATT which we have said is “not universal” and that the reference to UNSCAR in paragraph 109 should not be included if it only refers to ATT
Sweden	x		Says yes it is true that UNSCAR funds have gone to both ATT and PoA and that’s okay because they are mutually reinforcing
Peru	x		Have regulations that deal with ATT and others like PoA
Australia	x		UNSCAR did good work for implementing ATT
Mr. Prince, Chief of the conventional arms branch of the UN	x		In practice – in the field – the work done under UNSCAR are working for the same issues – the ATT and the PoA
Pakistan		X	Asked if it’s possible to have two separate funds for ATT and PoA under UNSCAR

	Germany	X		Their understanding that ATT will be funded and that there will be an eventual fund mechanism specific for ATT
	Ecuador		x	Raising questions about ATT and the funding of it under UNSCAR and whether or not it is becoming too politicized to be even discussed
	Lesotho	X		Recently ratified the ATT
	CASA	X		Helps states reach goals dealing with ATT
	Australia	X		Upset that the ATT is not explicitly mentioned in the outcome document but content with the document as it stands
	EU	X		“Disappointed by the lack of agreement about ATT”, but they support the outcome document
	Japan	X		Disappointed that there is no reference to ATT, but they support outcome document
	Guatemala	X		Upset no reference to ATT, but still support the document
	Mexico	X		Regret that ATT is not mentioned in outcome document, but still support it
Civil Society	France	x		Want to continue to involve civil society
	EU	x		Very welcome to inclusion of civil society
	Kenya (Macharia Kamau)	x		Mentions the importance of including civil society
	Guatemala	x		“Recognize importance” of coordination with civil society
	South Africa	x		“Civil society have an important role to play in full implementation of PoA”
	Finland	x		Importance of contribution of civil society and private sector
	Colombia	x		Mentions the importance of including civil society
	Zambia	x		"Working well with civil society who most of the time have been the experts in this area"
	Sweden	x		Role of civil society is important
	Canada	x		Calls NGOs "key partner and play integral role"
	Senegal	x		Have partnered with civil society often
	USA	x		"Recognize contribution of civil society"

	Japan	x		Challenges are posed by SALW to states and civil society
	Spain	x		Says we need civil society so that PoA does not become obsolete
	Nigeria	x		Support IANSA and other NGOs
	Mr. Prince, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch of the UN	x		UNSCAR works with NGOs to implement projects around the world
	EU	x		Mentions work with civil society to implement SALW projects
	Indonesia	x		Mentions the need for civil society and how we must all work together and how “we are only as strong as our weakest link”
	Australia	x		Says that UNSCAR donors give funds to NGOs
	UK	x		Mention working with civil society
	Nicaragua	x		“Trying to use and leverage the power of civil society to control the spread of firearms”
	Venezuela		x	Says majority of UNSCAR funds going to civil society and regional groups instead of individual member states which is not helpful
	Australia	x		Raised funds through UNSCAR to assist in the coordination of civil society
	Mali	x		Has followed civil society trainings
	CASA	x		Worked with civil society
	France	x		Believe private sector and civil society should play an important role
Destruction	EU	x		Destruction should be preferred option
	Spain	x		Need to destroy surplus stocks
	UK	x		Destruction should be preferred solution to surpluses in stockpile management
	USA	x		Says they have provided 1.6 billion in destruction methods around the world; they consider it to be very integral
	Senegal	x		Wants this included in the scope

	Mr. Prince, Chief of the conventional arms branch of the UN	x		Mentions how destruction falls under the mandate of adequacy of assistance
	Jamaica	x		Mentions how there is a need for disposal of firearms
	USA	x		Have funding method or destruction
Gender and Women	Caricom	x		“Women possess... unique skills and experiences”
	EU	x		Wants women, peace and security included in outcome doc to integrate the gender aspects
	Spain	x		Wants to empower women to participate in efforts of PoA
	Jamaica	x		“High importance of women’s equal... participation”
	Trinidad and Tobago	x		Wants women to be included and happy that they are in chair’s document
	Austria	x		Says women are important to include
	Kazakhstan	x		“Gender aspect” understands that the consequences are high on women
	Kenya (Macharia Kamau)	x		Very important to talk about women
	Australia	x		Wants UN Resolution on women, peace and security mentioned
	Japan	x		Continue to stress the role of women in planning, implementation and policy
	Guatemala	x		Should emphasis the importance of women and youth as victims of armed violence
	Uruguay	x		Importance for including women in all aspects
	Finland	x		Priority for them, needs to be taken into account, they say the majority suffering are women – mention gender based violence
Brazil	x		Very welcome to the inclusion of women in the document	

	Morocco	x		Says women are important
	Zambia	x		Women's participation is "vital" because they are most impacted – mentions gender based violence
	Thailand	x		Gender based violence and women are important – need to be included in PoA
	Sweden	x		Women: "continue to be a vast untapped resource in the PoA" – mention gender based violence and gendered nature of armed violence
	Switzerland	x		Welcomes reference of gender
	Japan	x		Women are meaningful in the implementation process
	Mr. Prince, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch of the UN	x		Mentions the good work of UN Women, and how “gender is always relevant” in terms of training
Youth	Jamaica	x		“Need to foster alternative livelihoods for young men”
	Kenya (Macharia Kamau)	x		“Main victims tend to be women and young people as well”
	Guatemala	x		Should emphasis the importance of women and youth as victims of armed violence
	Uruguay	x		Says we need further references to youth
	Morocco	x		"Women and children are the main victims"
	Togo	x		They are training youth on the subject of SALW
	Japan	x		Expresses how women and children are victims
Victims and Survivors	Kenya (Macharia Kamau)	x		“Main victims tend to be women and young people as well”
	Guatemala	x		Should emphasis the importance of women and youth as victims of armed violence
	Uruguay	x		Says women and children are often the ones more affected

Benin	x		Mentions the hundreds of thousands of death as a result of SALW
Finland	x		Mention need to protect vulnerable groups
Morocco	x		Women and children are the main victims
Zambia	x		Women are affected and vulnerable – gender based violence
Japan	x		Says women and children are greatest number of victims of SALW
Germany	x		“Reducing the suffering caused by SALW is definitely worth it”
Mr. Prince, Chief of the conventional arms branch of the UN	x		UN and other humanitarian actors get killed