

“Regulating the Brokering of Small Arms and Light Weapons to Prevent Diversion into Illicit Markets, particularly Transnational Organised Crime”

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

The diversification of markets for international transfers of arms has increased the commercial use of arms brokers in many countries. While governments often rely on such brokers, unregulated brokering, especially of items more difficult to detect like small arms and light weapons (SALW) and their ammunition, parts and components, heighten the risks of diversion into illicit markets to unauthorised end users and end uses, including to transnational organised crime networks. Unscrupulous brokers and other intermediaries and service providers with whom they work, can sometimes arrange and facilitate transfers which circumvent national arms trade controls.

The objective of this Side Event is to promote dialogue between States to discuss experiences, challenges, and more effective measures of regulating brokering to prevent the diversion and illicit trade of small arms and light weapons, and their ammunition, parts and components, especially into contexts of transnational organised crime.

This event is co-sponsored by the European Union and Italy and will entail the presentation of a report recently published by IANSA on the subject.

PROGRAMME:

Moderated by **Yasmin Espinoza Goecke**, IANSA Representative at the United Nations in Vienna

- **Dr. Brian Wood** – A founder and leadership team member of IANSA. Consultant on arms transfer controls for various agencies including the UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- **Mr. Max Hemn** – Associate Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer – Firearms Trafficking Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- **Mr. Silvio Vitagliano** – Advisor for the National Authority for the Armament Licencing and Controls, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Italy
- **Inspector Alberto Sánchez Aguado** – Spain – Police Liaison Officer Permanent Representation to the OSCE/UN/Bilateral



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