International Women's Day Virtual Seminar

"Ensuring Gender Mainstreaming in Small Arms Control"

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International Women's Day gives us the opportunity to advocate for women's rights and to bring attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and armed violence against women. The day also marks a call to action to accelerate gender parity.

Small arms and light weapons and their illicit trade and misuse continue to hinder sustainable peace and development. Given the differentiated impacts of armed violence on women and men, girls and boys, addressing gender dimensions is a critical factor in ensuring national, regional and international peace and security. Particularly, when dealing with small arms and light weapons, incorporating a gender-responsive approach to policies and programmes is required for effective and sustainable interventions. This includes both taking a gendered approach to analysis and policy-making, but also ensuring that women have equal, full and effective participation in decision-making.

Ensuring the systematic mainstreaming of gender aspects in all small arms and light weapons regulatory instruments, policies and measures at the global, regional and national levels can directly contribute to the elimination of all forms of violence and discrimination against women.

This panel will provide the opportunity to speak more in-depth of the need for and methods to ensure that gender dimensions form an integral part of the analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of small arms control actions, particularly at the national level.

Opening Session

- Welcoming remarks by Mr. Ivan Contente Marques, International Action Network on Small Arms, Managing Director

Panel

- Inspiring Girls Mexico, Ms. Magda Coss, Chair
- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, Laurie Mincieli, Conventional Arms Branch
- UNDP SEESAC, Dragan Božanić, Gender and Research Project Officer
- MAG International, Ms. Anne Akello, Global Gender Advisor
- Q&A session

Conclusions and Way Forward

- Closing remarks by Mr. Michal Adamowicz, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation & Arms Export Control European External Action Service