

Every year, throughout the world, more than half a million* people are killed by armed violence – that's one person every minute.



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The arms trade is out of control

The lack of control of the arms trade is fuelling conflict, poverty, and human rights abuses – worldwide. Every government is responsible.

Oxfam, Amnesty International, and IANSA (International Action Network on Small Arms), are campaigning for a global Arms Trade Treaty, to bring the trade in weapons under control. The time to act is now. The Arms Trade Treaty would create a legally binding agreement to regulate the arms trade, and ensure that all countries work to the same standards.

What would be legal and illegal under the Arms Trade Treaty?



Legal transfer

Small arms sold to a police force, where they are used in line with the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms



Illegal transfer

The same arms sold to a police force which is undisciplined and corrupt, which uses arms for extra-judicial killings and torture



Legal transfer

Military aircraft and armoured personnel carriers sold to governments for use in an army fully abiding by international humanitarian law



Illegal transfer

The same arms sold to governments where they are used to target civilians instead of military objectives



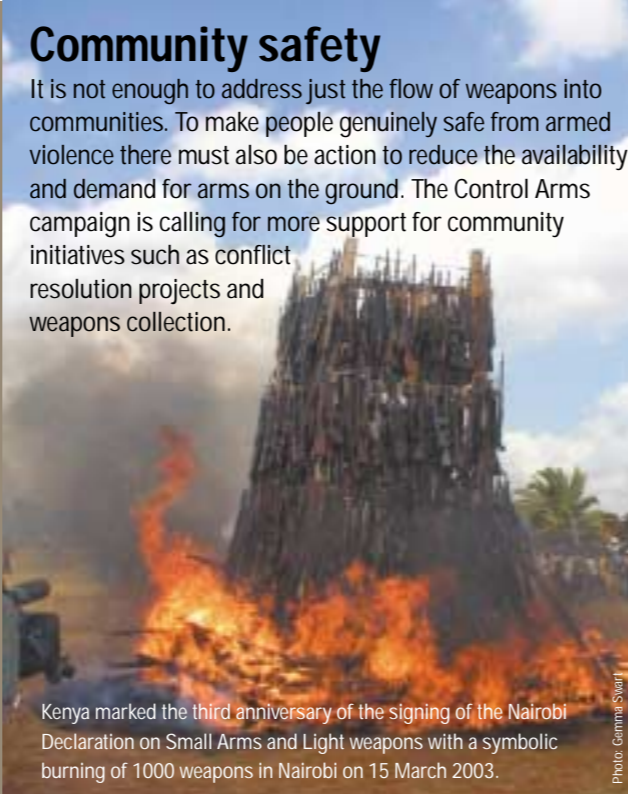
'I had plans for the future; I wanted to travel the world, take a modelling course, and continue my gymnastics training. My dreams were shattered – all because of irresponsibility of supposedly civilised men who only feel brave with a gun in their hands.'

Sixteen-year-old Camila Magalhães Lina from Rio de Janeiro (left) lost the use of her legs in 1998 when she was hit by a stray bullet in a shoot-out between thieves and private security forces while walking home from school. In the last 10 years, 300,000 people have been killed by guns in Brazil, many as a result of urban violence.

*SIM/DATASUS, IBGE, published in The Map of Violence, III, Jacobo Waiselfisz, UNESCO, Instituto Ayrton Senna, Ministerio da Justiça/SEDH, Brasília, 2002

Community safety

It is not enough to address just the flow of weapons into communities. To make people genuinely safe from armed violence there must also be action to reduce the availability and demand for arms on the ground. The Control Arms campaign is calling for more support for community initiatives such as conflict resolution projects and weapons collection.



Kenya marked the third anniversary of the signing of the Nairobi Declaration on Small Arms and Light weapons with a symbolic burning of 1000 weapons in Nairobi on 15 March 2003.

Arms are so prevalent that, worldwide, it is estimated that there is one weapon for every 10 people – men, women, and children.

Be one in a million

We need you to join us in demanding tougher controls on the arms trade. Our aim is to collect one million faces as a powerful, global message of support for the Arms Trade Treaty. Add a photograph of your face to the Million Faces Petition.

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