

## 6. TREATY UNIVERSALIZATION

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Mr. President, state parties, representatives from non-governmental organizations,

My name is Dudley Brown, and I'm the President of the National Association for Gun Rights, known simply as NAGR.

NAGR is a non-profit organization whose mission is to equip and encourage citizens of the United States to effectively defend their God-given right to keep and bear arms.

That right, bestowed by the Creator to all, regardless of their race, gender, or even nationality, is merely recognized in the Bill of Rights as a part of the US Constitution, and is inalienable.

Respectfully, while many here call for the universalization of the ATT, we have the opposite approach when considering the application of small arms control within a national framework.

NAGR maintains that citizens cannot be legitimately disarmed, without just and due cause, by any nation state.

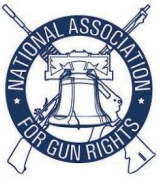
It is under this framework and worldview that NAGR has monitored and observed the United Nations' Arms Trade Treaty since its inception, and which has caused my organization and my members great concern.

Though my organization has been told many times - even just yesterday, by the very man to represent my own nation - that the Arms Trade Treaty would not apply to intranational arms policy, that seems to be a memo that few if any of this Conference have read.

After just one day, I have heard myriad strategies to disarm citizens, and to blame the inanimate object - a literal hunk of metal and plastic - for causing violence. This is, of course, displaced aggression, and will require the services of a psychiatrist, not state action.

Could those same firearms not be used to deter unwarranted and unbidden force and violence?

Was it the presence of, for instance, a handgun, or an AK-47, that caused a citizen to commit acts of aggression? Did the cigar lighter cause a criminal to commit arson?



This is not my first foray into a deliberative body - I have represented US firearms owners for more than 30 years now, in both state legislatures and in our Congress in Washington, DC.

From the ATT's inception, I have been told it should not be concerning to U.S. citizens since this treaty is mainly focused on weapons of war, like tanks, warships, and helicopter gunships.

In fact, the very title of the Programme of Action to Eradicate Small Arms and Light Weapons clearly refutes those claims.

And, of course, the exception is the State.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am no diplomat. I will am poor at evasive speech and compelled to be direct. Shocking, I know, for an American.

The Arms Trade Treaty is a blatant attempt to create a state monopoly for the tools of defense. In many nations that has been the case for decades if not centuries.

In the United States that growing monopoly is new, and contrary to my nation's founding and history.

I submit to this gathering that giving the state the monopoly of the possession of small arms is dangerous to all free-thinking individuals, and liberty as a whole.

Thank you for your time and attention.