

**Report of the United Nations Secretary-General to the General Assembly
on the Implementation of Resolution A/RES/68/33 on
“Women, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Arms Control”**

Report of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago has been the main sponsor of resolutions 65/69, 67/48 and 68/33 on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, adopted by consensus by the General Assembly in 2010, 2012 and 2013, respectively.

International efforts

- Trinidad and Tobago convened a high-level side event on 25 September 2012 in the margins of the Sixty-seventh Session of the General Assembly which provided an opportunity to expand the discourse on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control;
- The publication *Forces of Change: Profiles of Latin American and Caribbean Women Combating Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms* was launched at the side event on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.

Regional efforts

The following regional seminars and conferences were hosted to provide disarmament and arms control training to security personnel including women:

- July 2010: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean firearms destruction and stockpile management assistance package for Caribbean States;
- April and October 2011 and April 2012: inter-institutional training course on combating trafficking in firearms, ammunition and explosives;
- June 2012: Regional round table on combating trafficking in small arms and light weapons through strengthened border controls;
- March 2013: Bioresponse workshop in collaboration with the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism;
- April 2013: Three-day workshop on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004);
- June 2013: National Armoury Management Training Course and launch of the Caribbean Regional Armoury Management Training Centre in an effort to manage and secure national weapons stockpiles;
- November 2013: A Regional Armoury Management Training Course for Caribbean States;
- April 2014: Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police; and
- May 2014: Eighteenth Joint Meeting of the CARICOM Standing Committees of Commissioners of Police and Military Chiefs.

National implementation

Locally, equal opportunities have been promoted for women's participation at the decision-making level in matters regarding disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control in the following ways:

- Ascendancy of women to senior ranks of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service with a woman acting as Commissioner of Police for the first time in March 2014. Several female Officers have been promoted to senior positions including one (1) Deputy Commissioner of Police and four (4) Assistant Commissioners of Police. These senior Officers oversee operational and administrative activities of regions, divisions and districts and therefore appoint task forces and operational units specifically to retrieve illegal firearms and ammunition in those areas;
- The posts of Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) and Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of overseeing the Police Armourer Shop are held by women. Their responsibilities include assisting in recruiting and tracing of illegal firearms;
- The Organized Crime Narcotics and Firearms Bureau, which is the main branch of the Police Service mandated to investigate illegal firearms activities, has been headed by a female police officer and routinely assigns several female police officers to conduct its investigations;
- The Trinidad and Tobago delegation during the recently concluded Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (BMS5) was composed of predominantly female officials - So, too were the Trinidad and Tobago delegations for Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) preparatory meetings;
- Trinidad and Tobago has partnered with the NGO, Caribbean Coalition for Development and Reduction of Armed Violence (CDRAV), a women's organization, in continued advocacy for the full and effective implementation and ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT);
- In February 2014, Trinidad and Tobago and CDRAV hosted Regional Technical Support Workshop on the Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty.