

UNDP inputs for S-G's report on GA resolution 67/48 on Women, disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control

OP1:

- In order to promote equal opportunities for the representation of women in decision-making processes on matters of disarmament, UNDP has, through the sponsorship programmes (2011-2013) for the Arms Trade Treaty conferences, provided support to 13 women from 9 countries and 1 regional organization to participate in these decision-making processes. In addition to this, UNDP's sponsorship programme ensured female participation from two countries during the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms PrepCom (19 – 23 March 2012) as well as the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms Review Meeting (27 August – 7 September 2012).

OP5:

- In 2012, UNDP has, through support to policy and strategy development, provided assistance to ensure the inclusion of gender-dimensions into national policies and strategies on small arms control and armed violence reduction. In Burundi, for example, the Government has adopted a 5-year National Action Plan on Civilian Disarmament and fight against Small Arms, which has a specific focus to ensure women's needs are addressed. As part of community security and arms control interventions at community levels, UNDP has ensured women's participation, through for example specific focus group discussions, in the development and implementation of projects addressing security needs. In for example El Salvador, the number of women murdered every day went down from 1.7 in 2011 to 0.9 in 2012. UNDP has contributed to this result through support to violence reduction initiatives in more than 20 municipalities. Countries where projects have been implemented include the DRC, Liberia, Kenya, Uganda, Cote D'Ivoire, Burundi, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kosovo [UN Administered Territory in accordance with UN Resolution 1244 (1999)], Bosnia and Herzegovina, Papua New Guinea and Nepal.