



# The world needs a bulletproof Arms Trade Treaty

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To: All United Nations Member States

Long before the recent uprisings, most governments chose to ignore the internal repression in the Middle East and North Africa. They supplied weapons, munitions and security equipment to governments with decades-long records of systematic human rights violations. Some arms supplying states now want to resume “business as usual”, despite ongoing protests, impunity and the lack of genuine reform.

The world needs a strong Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) with rules to protect human rights, so that if any type of arms to be exported to another country will probably contribute to serious human rights abuses or war crimes, then governments concerned must stop those supplies.

We call on every government to set up an ATT that effectively prevents arms from fuelling such atrocities and abuses.