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# The world needs a bulletproof Arms Trade Treaty



**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 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.

**I call on every government to set up an Arms Trade Treaty that effectively prevents arms from fuelling such atrocities and abuses.**