

## **Control Arms Email Newsletter: January 2006**

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Dear XXXXXX

When you signed the Million Faces petition you became one in half a million! That's the number who now support the Control Arms campaign urging governments to agree tough controls on the international arms trade. But we hope you'll become one in a million.

This year is a crucial one when governments have the opportunity to act, so we'll be asking for your further support to reach the one million target by June. Read on to find out how your support has helped to build real momentum for the campaign, about the three new reports launched this week, and visit our new-look website now.

<http://www.controlarms.org/index.htm>

### **DEVASTATING IMPACT OF ARMS ON PEOPLE: FATU'S STORY**

During the conflict in Sierra Leone, Fatu Kamara, was making plans to flee advancing rebels on the day when they attacked her village. Her story is part of three reports which Control Arms launches this week, revealing the shocking impact of unregulated arms sales on innocent people.

Read the story of Fatu from Sierra Leone, and find out more about the reports

[http://www.controlarms.org/real\\_lives/sierra\\_leone.htm](http://www.controlarms.org/real_lives/sierra_leone.htm)

### **REAL MOMENTUM FOR CHANGE HEADING INTO 2006**

2005 was a really successful year for the Control Arms campaign. The number of governments which publicly support our call for an international Arms Trade Treaty massively increased from 9 to 42, and the Million Faces petition reached its half-way target. This has built real momentum as we head into 2006 - a crucial year for decision making in which a major UN Review Conference on Small Arms takes place.

Read more about 2005's achievements and the big year ahead

[http://www.controlarms.org/latest\\_news/2006-momentum.htm](http://www.controlarms.org/latest_news/2006-momentum.htm)

Thanks for your continued support,

The Control Arms Team

PS. If you want to do more to help now, please tell your friends and family to visit <http://www.controlarms.org> and ask them to sign up to the Million Faces petition.