

The global arms trade is out of control

Armed violence kills 1,000 people every day and injures many more. By 2020, the number of deaths and injuries from armed conflict will exceed the number of deaths caused by killer diseases such as malaria and measles.

Without strict control, the arms trade will continue to fuel violent conflict, state repression, crime and domestic abuse. Armed violence is a massive burden on health systems and severely undermines development. Human rights are being abused, and people are being denied the chance to escape poverty. Better control of the arms trade is desperately needed to curb the current crisis.

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With your help, the Control Arms campaign is doing something about it.

For the last three years, Control Arms has been pressing for an international treaty limiting this deadly trade in arms. Thanks to your support, in December 2006 the UN General Assembly passed an historic resolution to start work on an Arms Trade Treaty. This success is testament to the hard work of campaigners, lobbyists and Control Arms supporters worldwide.

Organizations in every region of the world, have taken action to demand tougher controls on the arms trade.

Over a million people from 160 countries registered their support for the campaign by adding their portrait to our Million Faces Petition at www.controlarms.org.

Governments now have an opportunity to tackle the scourge of irresponsible arms transfers. We are counting on your help to make an effective Arms Trade Treaty a reality.

Thank you for your continued support.