

ASIA-PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM (APPF)

24TH ANNUAL MEETING

RESOLUTION APPF24/RES.14

ARMS TRADE TREATY

(Sponsored by Australia)

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum;

Recalling the entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty on 24 December 2014;

Welcoming Tuvalu's ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty in September 2015;

Welcoming the fact that 79 States are party to the Arms Trade Treaty as of December 2015;

Recognising that disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation are essential for the maintenance of international peace and security;

Recognising the security, social, economic and humanitarian consequences of the illicit and unregulated trade in conventional arms;

Recognising further the legitimate political, security, economic and commercial interests of States in the international trade in conventional arms;

RESOLVES TO:

1. **Call on** all Governments that have not yet done so to accede to the Arms Trade Treaty;
2. **Call upon** those States Parties in a position to do so to provide assistance, including legal or legislative assistance, institutional capacity-building and technical, material or financial assistance, to requesting States in order to promote the universalization of the Treaty.