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Promoting the effective participation of women in the field of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control is key to achieving a more sustainable peace and security. The empowerment of women in this field and their involvement in all decision-making processes would make a valuable contribution to international efforts in preventing and reducing armed violence and armed conflicts.

Since women are among the most vulnerable victims of armed violence and conflicts, Italy has strongly supported the inclusion in the Arms Trade Treaty of a clear reference to the need to prevent gender-based violence. In follow up to its efforts and with the aim of raising awareness about this issue, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Italian Chamber of Deputies and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), is organizing a seminar entitled “The Arms Trade Treaty as a tool in the fight against gender-based violence”.

The seminar, scheduled for next October, will bring together diplomats, politicians and civil society representatives working on human rights and gender empowerment and, drawing on the approach championed by Italy, focus on security-related gender issues. The event will aim to highlight the benefits, at a global level, deriving from the full implementation of the Treaty, in particular as regards the impact it could have on gender-based violence.

Italy fully shares the principles contained in General Assembly resolution [67/48](#), entitled “Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control”, and considers the inclusion of a gender perspective in all international instruments aiming at promoting disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control processes to be of paramount importance.

The Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization has established a group of eminent persons to help Member States facilitate the entry into force of the Treaty. We are particularly pleased that Italy is represented in this group, by Member of Parliament Federica Mogherini. Ms. Mogherini is a member of the foreign affairs and defence committees of the Chamber of Deputies and the President of the Italian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. She has been active in promoting nuclear disarmament issues in the Italian Parliament; in 2012, she introduced a resolution supporting nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation that was adopted with large bipartisan support. Given her track record, Ms. Mogherini will be able to make a valuable contribution to the activities of the group.
