

082111 Resolution on Arms Trade Treaty

WFM Council Meeting in Washington, DC on 24-26 October 2011,

*Considering* that global arms sales threatens the culture of peace and stability of nations and regions; Everyday, around 2000 people world wide die as a result of armed violence. Thousands of people killed, injured, raped and forced to flee from their homes as a result of unregulated arms trade; and

*Recognizing* that there exists no legally binding instrument at the UN regulating arms production, export, transfers and stockpile; ATT is needed now to stop irresponsible arms transfers from fuelling poverty, conflict and human rights abuses.

*Noting* that the "Control Arms Coalition" of civil society organizations has identified key benchmarks for an effective ATT treaty, one that is "all-inclusive,"(all weapons and ammunitions, all transfers –brokers, transport, storage, etc) "enforceable" and that "holds governments to account;"

The World Federalist Movement:

Supports the early conclusion of negotiations and entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty which is currently being shaped by the United Nations towards the UN Conference on ATT in 2012;

Shall join the Control Arms Coalition so WFM could be represented and take part in the negotiations and work of the Coalition, with a dedicated rapporteur to report back to the Council and EC.