

Nonviolence International Southeast Asia

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Good day, everyone!

Nonviolence International Southeast Asia, as co-implementing partner of the Philippine government, would like to commend the Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund mechanism that promotes transparency foremost of all, and equal partnership in working towards the goal of universalization.

The VTF mechanism helps in effective implementation of the treaty because the project application in itself embodies political will and commitment to fully implement the treaty.

We encourage other civil society organizations at the national level to talk to their states to maximize the VTF mechanism for effective treaty implementation, bearing in mind that any partnership should have the principles of: inclusion, transparency and equality.

Although not required, we believe that it is important for civil society to be included in the mechanism to promote civil society inclusion in national implementation.

It is also beneficial for civil society organizations to share their best practices in transparency when co-implementing the VTF. We believe that civil society organizations should set a higher standard for transparency to encourage and help build confidence towards efforts to universalize the treaty from all sectors.

In closing, we would like to thank the ATT Secretariat who worked tirelessly with all the beneficiaries.

Nonviolence International Southeast Asia remains committed to supporting regional endeavors to universalize and implement the Arms Trade Treaty.

Thank you.