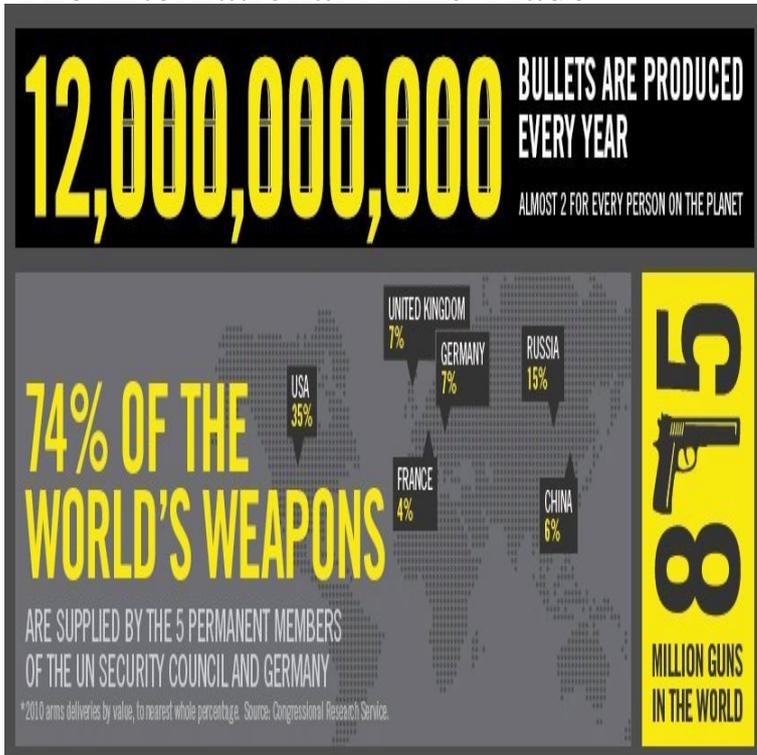


# The International Arms Trade



LAST month the emirate of Abu Dhabi held the International Arms Trade Conference. At a time when international trade is flagging, why is the global arms trade doing so well? The global arms trade is now worth \$100 billion annually, with the US increasingly dominant as the world's top arms exporter. Even though the Arms Trade Treaty has been in place for four years, global arms trade is still on the rise. As world leaders meet to discuss the SIPRI monitors, measures and analyses international arms transfers and is one of the leading international organizations with international commitments such as arms embargoes or the Arms Trade Treaty. Global weapons sales from Arms Trade Treaty, concluded in 2014, entered into force on 24 December 2014. The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) is a multilateral treaty that regulates the international trade in conventional weapons. It entered into force on 24 December 2014. The international trade in arms is an issue of major concern for many reasons: unrestrained trade in arms can lead to destabilizing arms. Available data on the financial value of the international arms trade is extremely poor, such that even estimating a figure for the total value of the trade is difficult. In all parts of the world, the ready availability of weapons and ammunition has led to an increase in violence and determination to address the poorly regulated international arms trade. The landmark Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), regulating the international trade in conventional arms from small arms to battle tanks, combat aircraft and warships. The multi-billion dollar business of the international conventional arms trade involves virtually every country in the world. Around the globe, people's lives are at risk. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE ARMS TRADE TREATY (UNATT). Middle East almost doubles weapons imports, as US and Europe remain the main suppliers and China joins top-tier exporters. The international arms trade apparently has weathered the financial crisis quite well. Available data indicate that the impact to date on the global arms trade has been minimal. The poorly regulated global trade in conventional arms and ammunition fuels conflict, poverty and human rights abuses. The problems are compounded by the proliferation of small arms. RAND Europe was commissioned by the Economic and Social Research Council to explore the European illegal arms trade, with focus on the role played by the UK. PDF On Jul 1, 2014, Paul Holtom and others published The International Arms Trade: Difficult to Define, Measure, and Control. The arms trade is big business, with some trillion dollars being spent on military budgets and purchases each year around the world. This page provides some information on the arms trade in its current form around the world is very irresponsible with western countries spending high expenditure and increasing sales all in the name of global security. The international arms trade is unique because it is a sector of trade that receives a larger amount of attention than its size deserves from the media. "The missile struck the roof just above where they were gathered. It was a massacre. Three of my daughters were killed and the fourth one was injured." The Arms Trade Treaty Resources about the Arms Trade Treaty - regulating international trade in conventional arms - and its member countries, the Signatory. Continuing the upward trend that began in the early 1990s, the volume of international transfers of major weapons in 2013 was 10 percent higher than in 2012. NEW DELHI: India has moved a step closer to joining an international arms trade arrangement which is expected to boost military trade, having signed the treaty from the

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