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On the occasion of the Launch of the SIPRI Yearbook 2012, SIPRI invites you to a seminar

Effective controls: How to counter the illegal trade in arms and dual-use items

Thursday 14 June, 10.00–12.00 at SIPRI, Signalistgatan 9, Solna

Controlling the trade in 'dual-use items' (goods and technologies that could have both civilian and military applications) is the most important practical tool a country has to prevent the illegal transfers in goods and technologies that could be used for developing nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons; or their means of delivery. However, there are significant challenges associated with these controls: customs authorities endeavour to identify suspicious shipments of dual-use items; authorities encounter major obstacles when investigating and prosecuting offences; companies seek to avoid being unknowingly involved in illegal procurement attempts; while procurement networks continually evolve to circumvent controls. Additionally, states need to establish and maintain effective legal systems for controlling trade in dual-use items and keep it updated with international standards.

The SIPRI Programme on Dual-Use and Arms Trade Control focuses both its research and capacity-building work on these challenges. The team designs and provides expertise for capacity building activities involving licensing and enforcement officers, suggests legal improvements, and advises individual governments on suitable policies and measures in different regions such as the European Union, South East Europe, South East Asia, and the Middle East.

Programme

Chair	*Dr Bates Gill*, Director, SIPRI
10.00	**Presentation of the SIPRI Yearbook 2012** *Dr Bates Gill*, Director, SIPRI
10.15	**Dual-use and arms trade control – rationale and key concepts** *Dr Sibylle Bauer*, Director, SIPRI Programme on Dual-use and Arms Trade Control
10.30	**The nuclear energy renaissance and its implications for trade control** *Dr Andrea Viski*, Researcher, SIPRI Programme on Dual-use and Arms Trade Control
10.45	**Building capacity in dual-use and arms trade controls: the example of South East Europe** *Ivana Micic*, Researcher, SIPRI Programme on Dual-use and Arms Trade Control
11.00	**Enhancing strategic trade controls in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region** *Aaron Dunne*, Senior Researcher, Programme on Dual-use and Arms Trade Control
11.15	Discussion
12.00	End of Seminar

Please confirm your participation with your name and full affiliation no later than **Wednesday, 13 June 2012** to *Ms Cynthia Loo*, SIPRI Senior Management Assistant, phone: 08-655 97 51, Email: cloo@sipri.org

SIPRI Yearbook 2012 summaries will be available at the event!