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Pls print for me.

From: Burns Strider [mailto:

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 12:14 PM

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To keep you abreast of what I know re ATT... these are internal emails, ma'am... basically, they see the WH as being the total problem and State being totally on the right side... My crew is really smart and good and engaged... know their world... but live in silos... they don't easily marry election year electoral politics to their issues and how they play out... here's their latest on ATT:

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 10:40 AM

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just learned that the White House refused to sign off on the treaty text (this despite DOS team working very hard to USG asks in the text). "White House refused to sign off on text, even though they got everything they want. And they will demand more time (ie after election). More later. Things crazy. "

we are currently immersed in direct lobby. Again, if Steve Colecci and Galen Carey to quickly reach out to White House, to urge support of the text **today** that would be great.

Also, flag on the below – the 2nd NYT editorial. Doesn't hurt to keep reminding US officials that the NY Times edit board keenly interested in what the Administration is doing on ATT.

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/27/opinion/an-arms-treaty-within-reach.html?_r=1&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss



Editorial

An Arms Treaty Within Reach

Published: July 26, 2012

The United States and 192 other countries are nearing the end of negotiations at the United Nations on a global treaty aimed at controlling the trade in conventional weapons. For the first time, there is a real opportunity to curb the transfer of the tanks, firearms and aircraft that have killed millions of innocent civilians and fueled conflicts and atrocities in places like Syria and Sudan.

The world is awash in these weapons, with the market estimated at \$60 billion a year. Only the United States and 51 other governments have laws regulating arms brokers, and fewer than half of those penalize violators. That guarantees easy access for unscrupulous regimes, militants and criminals.

To be effective, any treaty should be legally binding and cover a broad range of weapons, including ammunition. Governments should be required to regulate the sale and transfer of these weapons, perform risk assessments before authorizing a sale and track the use of the arms. Arms sales to any state under a United Nations arms embargo should be prohibited and also when there are concerns about human rights violations, war crimes and potential acts of genocide.

The draft text made public on Tuesday contained obvious weaknesses. Ammunition was not subject to sufficiently tight controls; some weapons and munitions, like mortars, could be interpreted as not covered; the treaty only applied to commercial trading and excluded other transfers — which could be significant — via international aid programs or as gifts.

We are also concerned that the treaty could exempt existing contracts and thus allow Russia to continue arming President Bashar al-Assad of Syria. A new draft made public on Thursday seemed somewhat better. Negotiations are supposed to end on Friday. Proponents should keep pushing to make the treaty as strong as possible.

Under conference rules, a single country can block final approval. As many as a dozen countries — including Syria, North Korea and Iran — have hinted that they may do so; more significantly, Russia, a top arms supplier, has also sent ambiguous signals. If one of those countries does block consensus, the United States, Europe and other advocates should bring the treaty to the United Nations General Assembly where passage only requires a two-thirds vote. This treaty is too important to be held hostage to one vote.

A version of this editorial appeared in print on July 27, 2012, on page A22 of the New York edition with the headline: An Arms Treaty Within Reach.

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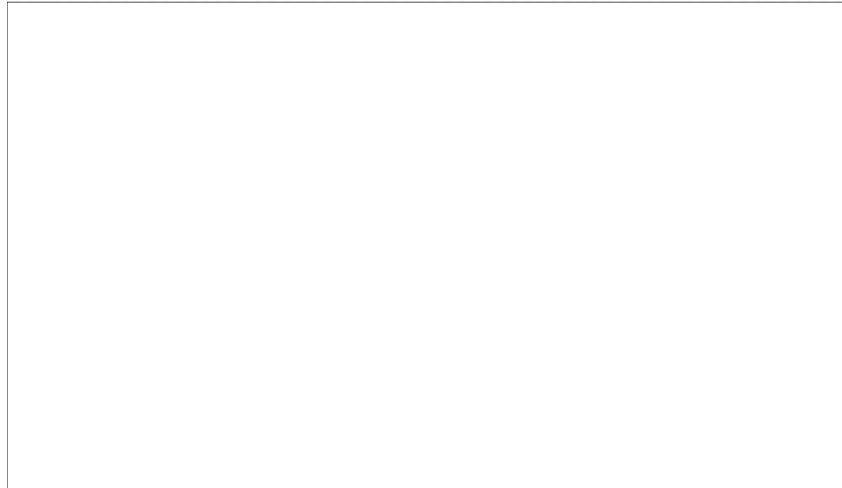
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