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What's a Stake for the Arms Trade Treaty?

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During the month of July this summer United Nations member states gathered in New York to negotiate an arms trade treaty that would regulate the international trade in conventional weapons, an idea put forth in 2003 by Nobel peace laureates led by Óscar Arias. These negotiations did not produce consensus on the text of a treaty.

Professor Andrew Clapham and Dr Stuart Casey-Maslen with a group of colleagues spent the month of July following the negotiations closely in preparation for a legal commentary on the eventual treaty and publishing their observations online along the way. They will release a Geneva Academy briefing on the draft treaty and discuss what happened so far and what could be next.

Join us for a discussion with Andrew Clapham and Stuart Casey-Maslen on the progress of the draft Arms Trade Treaty and what the stakes are.



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