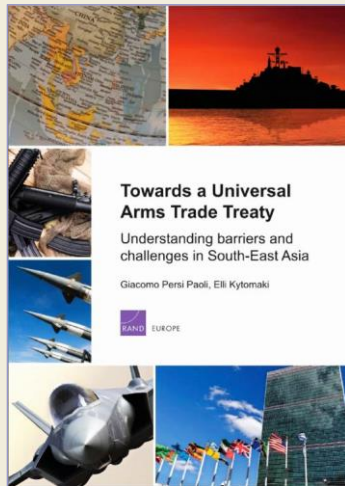


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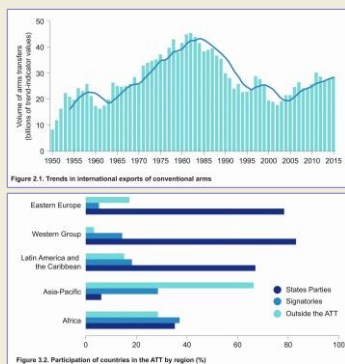
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## Towards a Universal Arms Trade Treaty: Understanding barriers and challenges in South-East Asia

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### Abstract

The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) adopted in 2013 and in force since 24 December 2014, is the first international legally binding treaty to control the transfers of conventional arms. This report presents the findings of a research project conducted by RAND Europe and grantfunded by the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR). The goal of the project was to support universalisation of the Treaty by identifying barriers and obstacles (e.g. political, administrative, legal, budgetary, technical) to its ratification, or accession, and by generating a set of proposals for actions to overcome these barriers, be they at the national, regional or international level. The project focused on ten Asian states (Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka and Republic of Korea).

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