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Statement of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide on the adoption of the Arms Trade Treaty at the United Nations General Assembly

(New York, 02 April 2013) The Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Adama Dieng, welcomes the inclusion in the newly adopted Arms Trade Treaty of a prohibition on the transfer of arms which would be used in the commission of genocide, crimes against humanity and certain war crimes and calls on States to act quickly to apply this prohibition, pending its entry into force.

Article 6(3) of the Treaty stipulates that State Parties “