



Discussion Forum on Gun Violence in Nepal

UN REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Conference Room, UN House, Pulchowk, Wednesday 12 May 2010, 9.30-12.15

A number of gun-related events have taken place in Nepal recently. Some of these incidents took place in the heart of Kathmandu in broad daylight, others in more isolated regions of the country. The recrudescence of gun-violence is a source of concern for the society at large, but even more so for groups that seem to have been targeted specifically, such as the media and the business community.

Recognizing that increased illegal gun possession and use by civilians is a potential threat to security, peace and development, the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) is organizing a Discussion Forum on Gun Violence in Nepal. The meeting aims at providing a platform for national and international actors to discuss in an open and informal manner: recent developments related to gun violence; existing gun control legislation and law enforcement mechanisms; and existing efforts in preventing and combating gun violence.

The UNRCPD would like to invite you to participate at this discussion forum in the Conference Room of the UN House in Pulchowk on Wednesday 12 May 2010 from 9.30 to 12.15.

AGENDA

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Recent developments on gun violence in Nepal**
 - Facts, figures and trends
 - Legislation and law enforcement
- 3. Strategies to prevent and combat gun violence**
 - Examples from around the world
- 4. Discussion**
 - Successes and challenges
 - Areas for follow-up action

Tea & coffee will be provided

Please confirm your participation before Friday 7 May to Huibert Oldenhuis at huibert.oldenhuis@unrcpd.org.np or phone 5010255/9803970762