

**RESOLUTION ON SWEDISH ARMS TRADE**

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**Observing**

The arms trade bill, adopted by the Swedish parliament in 1992, which mandates that Sweden should not allow the sale of weapons to states that violate human rights.

That the Swedish government, as late as, August 2006 exported weapons to non-democratic countries such as: Venezuela, Singapore and Thailand, among others.

**Considering**

That Human rights organization such as Amnesty International, Red Cross, International Christian Peace, among others, strongly criticized the Swedish government for: (a) violating the adopted arms trade bill and (b) not starting a democratic process in order to present a new proposition replacing the 1992 bill, considered by many to be outdated.

The former Swedish government did not respond to these critics.

**IFLRY resolves**

That the newly elected Swedish government should respect and follow the policy for arms trade adopted in 1992 by the parliament until a new law is adopted. Thereby, under current circumstances, allowing for the ISP (the Swedish Inspectorate of Strategic Products) to enforce the policy for arms trade from 1992 when authorizing arms exports.

**IFLRY proposes**

The Swedish parliament adopt a new policy for arms trade which, forbids the sale of weapons to non-democratic countries, dictatorships and countries that violate human rights.

This resolution should be published and sent to all international entities working to support human rights such as the United Nations, the European Parliament, Amnesty International, Red Cross International and International Christian Peace, as well as, to all the foreign ministers of the European Union and representatives from non-EU embassies. Most importantly, the resolution should be given to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Swedish government and the Swedish parliament's committee for Foreign Affairs.