GENDER and GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
GENDER

How we are socialized to act as a woman, or a man can affect the way people and societies view weapons, war, and militarism.
Gender-based violence is...

Violence that is directed at a person based on discriminating norms and practices relating to one’s specific sex or gender role in society

- The most prevalent form of violence in the world
- Most common against women and girls
- Rooted in unequal power relationships
Sexual: Sexual harassment, rape, forced prostitution, sexual violence during conflict, harmful customary or traditional practices such as female genital mutilation, forced marriages,

Emotional & psychological: Abuse, humiliation, and confinement

Socio-economic: Discrimination and/or denial of opportunities and services; prevention of the exercise and enjoyment of civil, social, economic, cultural, and political rights.

Physical: Physical assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and slavery, forced sterilisation, forced abortion

GBV
Gender-based violence...

- Does not happen only to women and girls
- Can occur in conflict and non-conflict settings, and occurs in all countries
- Is under-reported and sometimes invisible
- Can be caused by all of the weapons included in the scope of the ATT
- Can be committed by all possible end-users
- Is a cross-cutting issue: *always* a violation of international human rights, and *can* be a violation of international humanitarian law
Gender within the Arms Trade Treaty

Article 6.3
- Genocide
- War crimes
- Crimes against humanity

Article 7.4
- "Commit or facilitate gender-based violence"
- "Serious acts of violence against women or children"
Article 7.4

“The exporting State Party, in making this assessment, shall take into account the risk of the conventional arms covered under Article 2 (1) or of the items covered under Article 3 or Article 4 being used to commit or facilitate serious acts of gender-based violence or serious acts of violence against women and children.”
ACTIVITY

Objectives:

✓ to give a general understanding of our own and each other’s values and attitudes about gender.

✓ It is designed to challenge some of their current thinking about gender issues and help them clarify how they feel about certain issues.

✓ REMEMBER: everyone has a right to their own opinion, and everyone’s opinions should be respected!
ACTIVITY:

How do you feel about the following statements?

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree

WHY?!
ACTIVITY:

1. Men should protect women.

2. Disarmament is not gendered because it affects everyone.

3. Gender is a “soft” security issue and can be considered later.
THANK YOU

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