

Dear President Obama,

I am writing to express my deep concern that the human rights criteria that could save the lives of millions of people are at risk of being weakened as the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) is negotiated at the UN in New York.

I urge you to include the “Golden Rule” on human rights in the Arms Trade Treaty, namely that arms transfers shall not be permitted where there is a substantial risk the arms are likely to be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of international human rights law or war crimes.

I also urge you to play a leading role in the historic treaty talks to stand up for human rights protection and include all types of arms transfer as well as ammunition to make the treaty “bullet proof”.

Sincerely Yours,