The Permanent Mission of the Philippines and the Secretariat of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development are delighted to invite you to an informational event on:

**Asia-Pacific Regional Review Conference on the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development**

**Friday 5 September 2014, 12:30-13:30**

**Room VIII, Building A, Palais des Nations**

Government representatives and other stakeholders working to prevent and reduce armed violence will meet in Manila, the Philippines, from 8 to 9 October 2014 in order to review progress on the implementation of the principles of the Geneva Declaration. The conference is organized in partnership with the Government of Switzerland and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and will be open to all states from the Asia-Pacific region.

The Regional Review Conference will highlight the links between armed violence reduction and prevention and development, especially in light of the review of the post-2015 development framework. The conference will also focus on the importance of gender in armed violence reduction and prevention as well as on partnerships among governments, civil society, international organizations, and development cooperation agencies.

Rather than a single global Ministerial Review Conference on the Geneva Declaration, a series of Regional Review Conferences are taking place throughout 2014. This regional process allows for greater focus on the particular realities of armed violence in different regional settings.

Sandwiches will be available before the event starts.

- Please register with the Geneva Declaration Secretariat before Thursday 4 September. If you require UN accreditation, please indicate so in your message. Ms. Natacha Cornaz | T +41 22 908 5777 | E natacha.cornaz@genevadeclaration.org