



## 2<sup>nd</sup> MINISTERIAL REVIEW CONFERENCE ON THE GENEVA DECLARATION

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### THANK YOU

On 31 October and 1 November 2011 around 500 delegates, including accredited national delegations from 96 countries, as well as invited international and civil society organizations, met in Geneva for the **2nd Ministerial Review Conference on the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development**.

We would like to thank all participants for the active participation and contribution to this fruitful and productive Conference!



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### Mayors against armed violence

A well attended thematic session on the second day of the conference was **Mayors and local authorities against armed violence**. This session, chaired by Paula Miraglia, Director of Canada's International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC), considered the role of cities in reducing and preventing armed violence. The speakers were mayors of Geneva (Switzerland), Canoas (Brazil), and Aguascalientes (Mexico), as well the Town Clerk of Nairobi (Kenya).

- [More details](#)
- [View the video podcast](#)

### 2MRC Outcome Document adopted

The Conference's Outcome Document, adopted at the conclusion of the first day, not only reaffirmed the commitment of the signatory states to promote armed violence reduction and prevention as a necessary part of development strategies but also identified a number of concrete actions for implementing the principles of the Declaration. During and immediately before the Conference, Belgium, the Republic of Guinea, and the United Arab Emirates adopted the Geneva Declaration, bringing the total number of signatory countries to 112.

- [Read the Outcome Document](#)
- Download the [Spanish](#) and [French](#) translations
- [Read the statements of support from delegations](#)
- [View the complete list of signatories](#)

**"The messages of this year's World Development Report, the OECD's studies on armed violence, and the MDG review process are clear. The cycle of violence and poor governance needs to be broken for sustainable and inclusive development to be achieved."**



*Excerpt from Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator, opening the 2nd Ministerial Review Conference*

### National armed violence reports re-leased

[National reports on armed violence](#) from Norway and Guatemala were presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Review Conference. Peru announced that their country report was underway. This is a positive move in line with the GD commitments and we look forward to other countries following with their own national reports.

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## NEW RESOURCES

The Geneva Declaration Secretariat, as well as other conference participants, released a range of topical reports and resources to inform discussion and fuel debate during the conference. Most of these are [available on the Geneva Declaration website](#). They include:

- [Global Burden of Armed Violence 2011: Lethal Encounters](#), which takes an integrated approach to the dynamics of armed violence around the world.
- [Working Against Violence: Promising Practices in Armed Violence Reduction and Prevention](#), summarizing experiences from regional seminars.
- [Inclusive Security, Inclusive Cities](#), examining urban armed violence and its detrimental impact on development (with CERAC, also available in [Spanish](#)).
- [Investing in Security: A Global Assessment of Armed Violence Reduction Initiatives, Conflict and Fragility](#), which considers the success factors of AVR initiatives (OECD-DAC).
- [Breaking cycles of violence: Key issues in Armed Violence Reduction](#) summarizes the main findings of the OECD's AVR publications since 2009.
- [Peace Brokers: Understanding Good Practice in Violence Prevention and Reduction in Jamaica](#) (with Violence Prevention Alliance in Jamaica, also available in [Spanish](#)).
- Additionally, a new Geneva Declaration *Working Paper*, [A Deadly Cycle: Ethno-Religious Conflict in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria](#), was published immediately after the Conference.

## FACES OF VIOLENCE

Versión española: **Rostros de la Violencia**

The short documentary *Faces of Violence: A Non-Fiction Story*, which examines the many dimensions of violence and its implications for the development sector, is available on the Geneva Declaration website; now a Spanish version is also available.

- [English version](#)
- [Versión española](#)

## MULTIMEDIA

[Video footage of key presentations](#) —including the opening addresses from Swiss State Secretary Martin Dahinden and UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, Plenary High-Level Panels on Day One and Day Two, the Mayors' Thematic Session, and more—are now available online.

Most of the [slide presentations](#) used in sessions throughout the conference have also been made available to peruse at your own pace.

In addition, most of the [speeches](#) from the opening and final plenary sessions are now on the GD website.

## CIVIL SOCIETY

At the Review Conference, 70 [civil society organizations](#) (CSOs) from over 40 countries were represented by nearly 100 delegates – making up one fifth of the total participants.

While this contingent represented only a fraction of the good work being done worldwide by CSOs in armed violence reduction and prevention, the encouraging signal from the Conference is that CSO actors participated at all levels: delivering opening and closing keynote addresses, participating as members of the High-Level Panel and the plenary Q&A Panel, presenting and discussing their work at the parallel thematic sessions, and hosting side-events on the fringe of the Conference.



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