

Chew this over

It is easier to trade in
guns than bananas.



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1. What is the arms trade, and why is it a problem?
2. What is the ATT?
3. Why do we need to make some noise about it?

1. What is the arms trade, and why is it a problem?

Exploding myths

The world spends \$1.6 trillion on arms – more than it spends on health, education or *anything* else.



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The Arms Trade is the sale of weapons, many of them 'small arms' from companies in countries *making* the weapons (including the US and the UK) to countries where there is *conflict* (for example recently in Sierra Leone)

The scale of this trade globally is huge

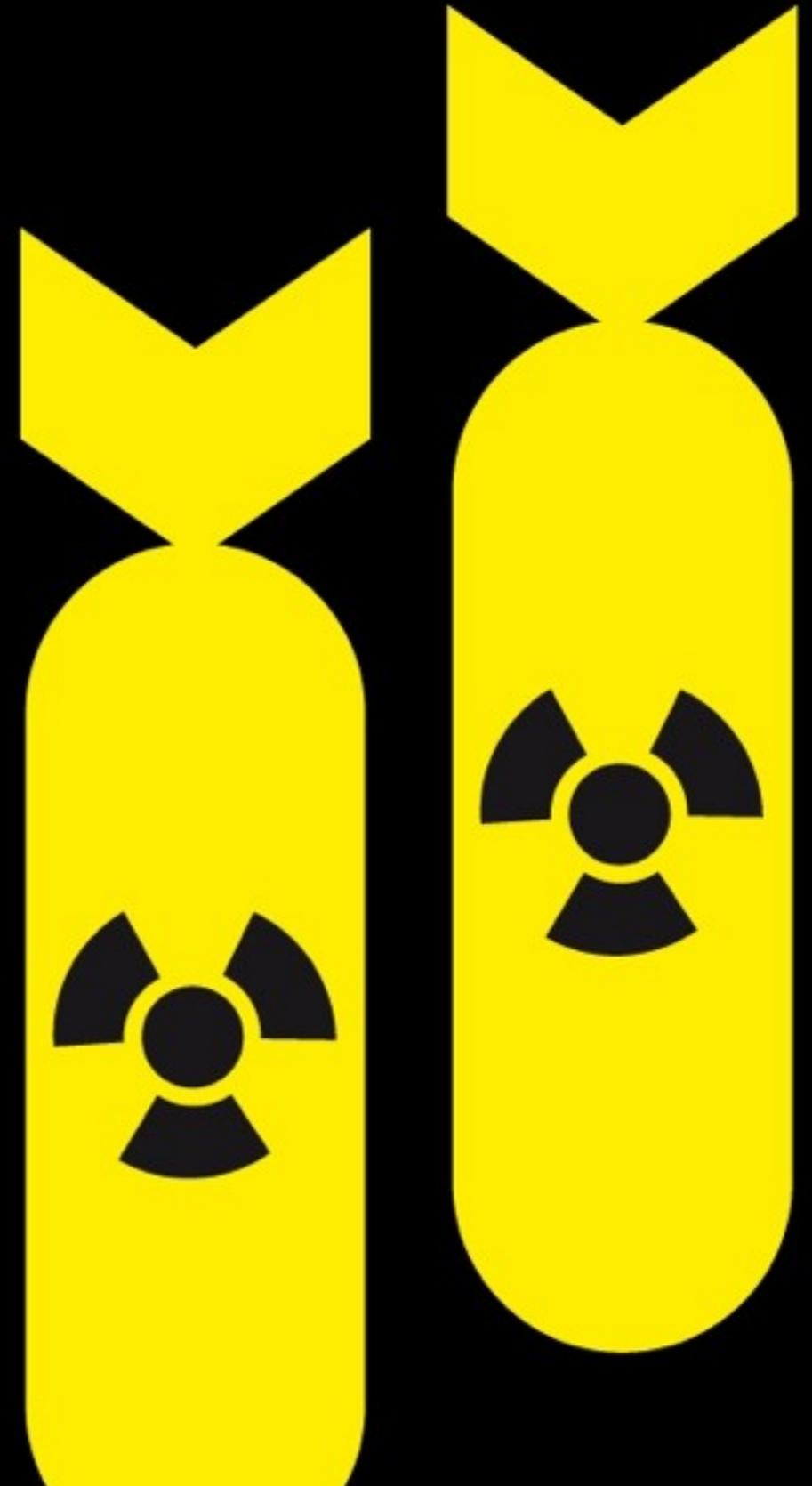


Consider...

What impact does armed violence have?

Bombshell

Every year small arms alone kill more people than the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki put together.

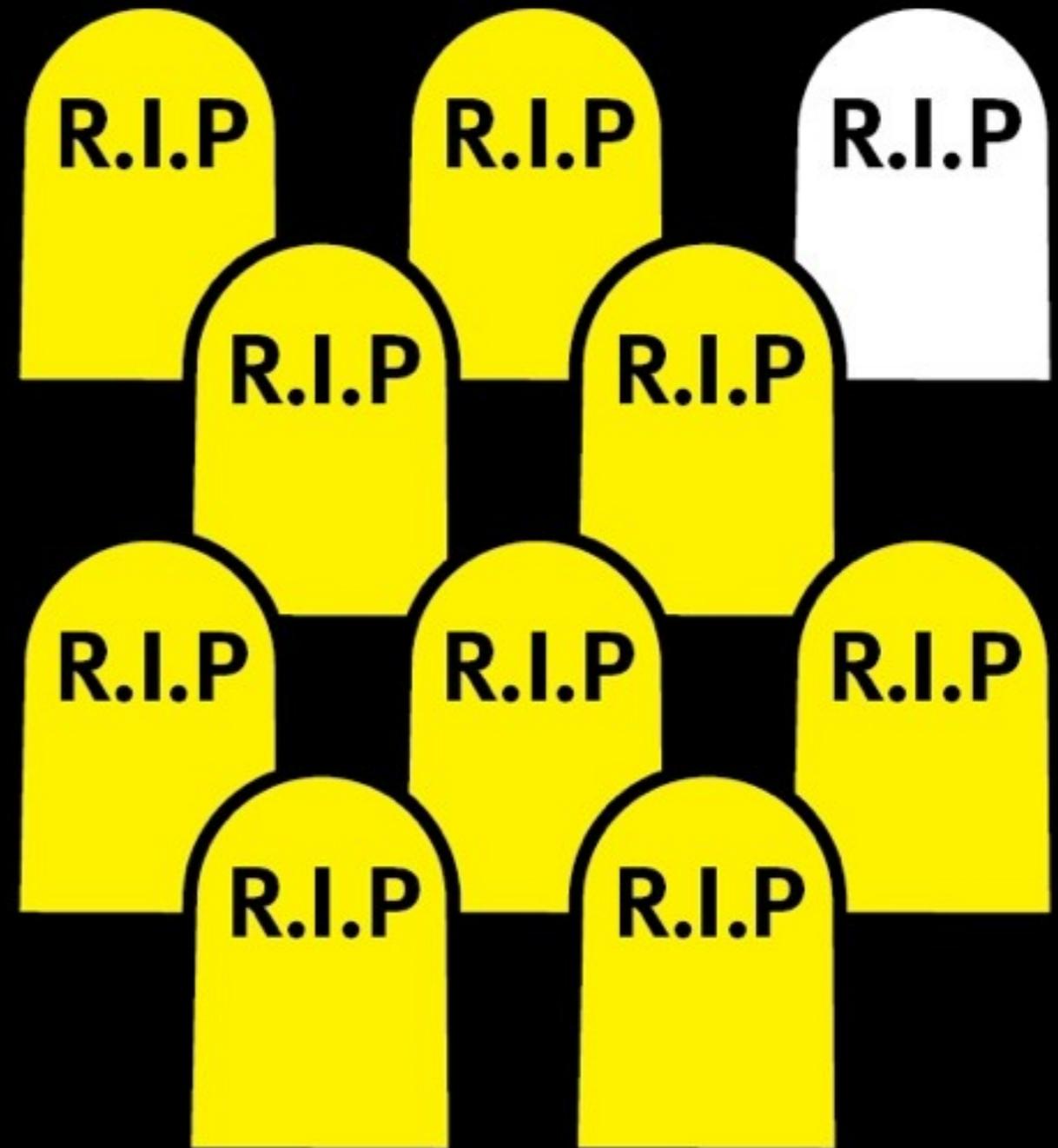


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Paying the price

In conflicts, 90% of civilian casualties are caused by small arms.



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No kidding

There are over
300,000 child soldiers
around the world.



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And unbelievably...

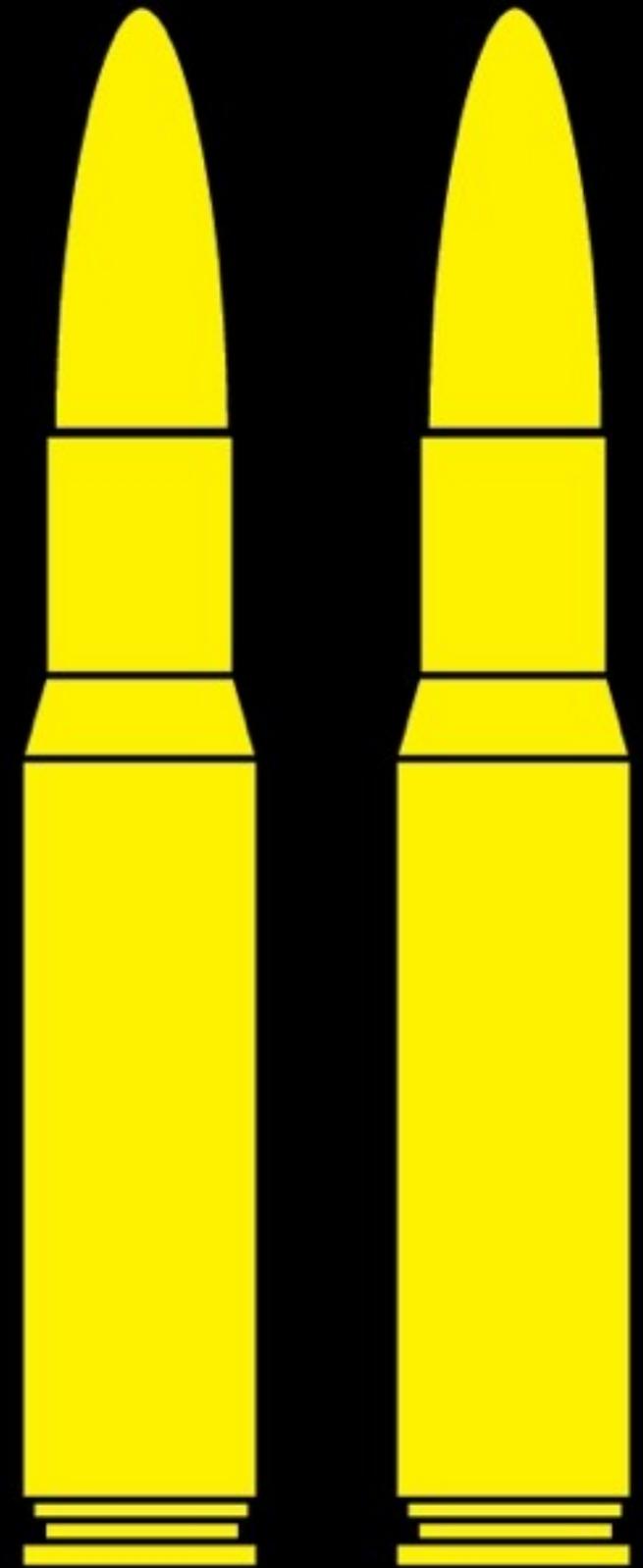
There are currently few proper controls over the *sale* of arms between countries

Less than there are, for example, over the sale of bananas globally



Think twice

Each year, over 12 billion bullets are produced. That's nearly two bullets for every person in the world.



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2. What is the ATT?

An Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) would be

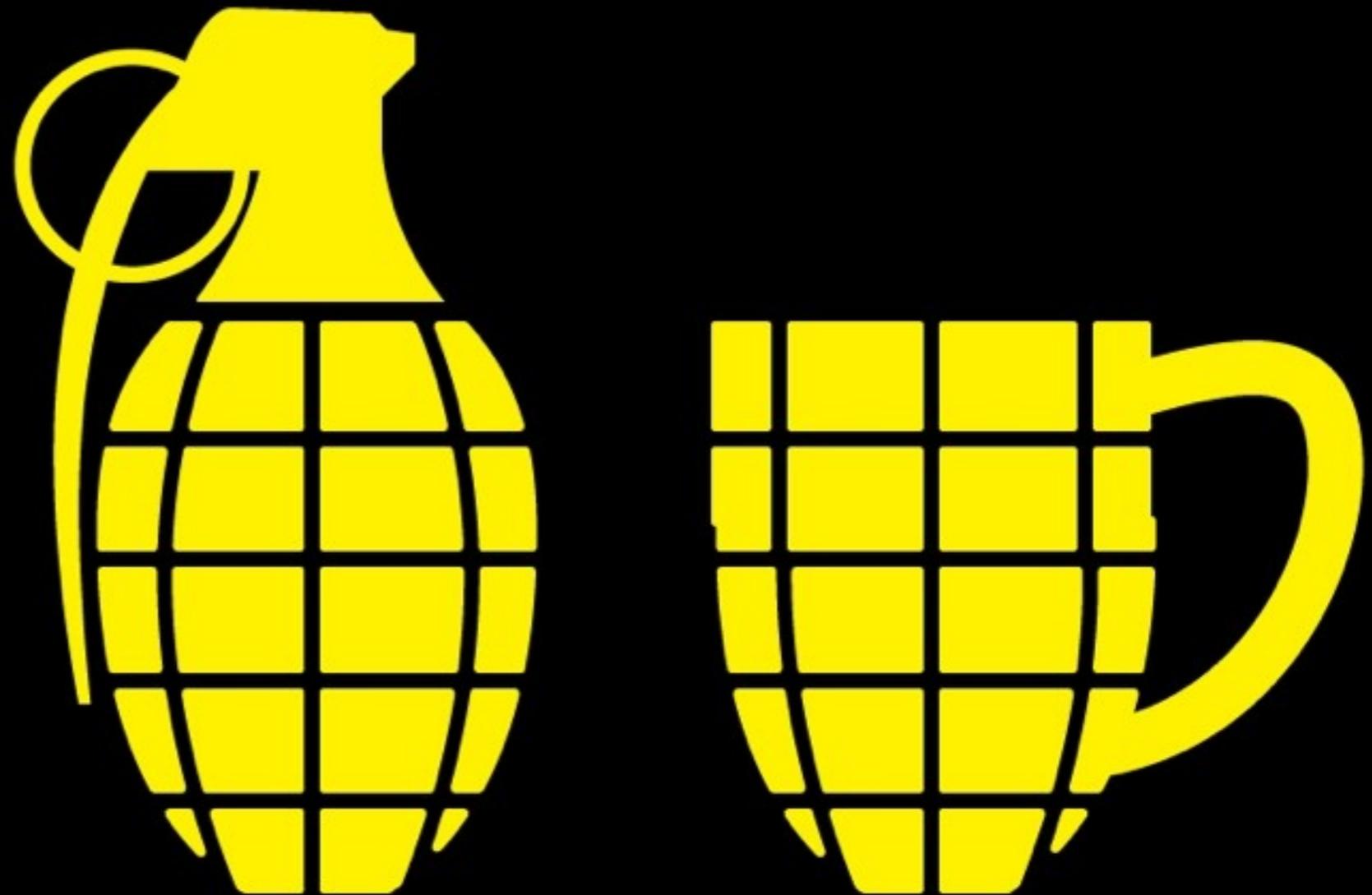
- International
- Legally binding
- In line with International Law

It would

- Cover all conventional weapons
- Be incorporated into national laws
- Create an international arms registry
- Create a monitoring and enforcement regime

Sobering thought

In Burundi,
Africa,
a grenade costs
the same as a
pint
of beer



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Question-

If there are already some existing controls, but they aren't working, how do we know this will?

Question-

What about weapons
already in circulation?

Question-

Why aren't Control Arms calling for an end to the arms trade, 'full stop'?

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Aren't some major arms exporters opposed to it?

Time to act

1 person dies every minute from armed violence. In that same minute, 15 new arms are manufactured.



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3. Why do we need to make some noise about the ATT now?

In October 2012 United Nations' member states will negotiate an international Arms Trade Treaty.



It has taken **6 years** of negotiation at the UN to get this far

They need to hear that now is the time to act



What could you do?

Consider...

Who is making these decisions?

What influences them?

Control Arms

The campaign for a global Arms Trade Treaty

