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- Open spaces for peace and disarmament education to address challenges to security and to actively engage women and youth.

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Mr. António Guterres Secretary-General of the United Nations, University of Geneva, May 2018

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**DISARMAMENT TO SAVE HUMANITY**
Reduce and eliminate weapons of mass destruction

**DISARMAMENT THAT SAVES LIVES**
Reduce and mitigate the impact of conventional weapons

**DISARMAMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**
Remain vigilant regarding new and emerging weapon technologies

**STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR DISARMAMENT**
Reinvigorate disarmament institutions and partner with Governments, experts, civil society, women and youth

### RECENT ACTIVITIES

- **Feb 2020:** Technical and Legal Assistance project to build capacity to control SALW and implement the ATT in Timor-Leste. Presenting experts’ reports and draft national action plans (Timor-Leste)
- **Feb-Apr 2020:** Technical and Legal Assistance project to build capacity to control SALW in Sri Lanka. Assessment visit, preparing experts’ reports and draft national action plan (Sri Lanka)
- **Feb 2020:** Contribution to UNITAR Hiroshima Training Programme on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation for Asian States devoted to the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing and the 50th anniversary of the NPT (Japan)
- **Mar. 2020:** Asia-Pacific seminar on Gun-Violence and Illicit SALW from a Gender Perspective for women NGOs and parliamentarians (Nepal)
- **Apr 2020:** Issuing the Compendium of outcomes and recommendations of practical measures to reduce gun-violence and illicit SALW
- **Mar-May 2020:** Producing video testimonials of MPs and women NGO leaders on their effort to combat illicit SALW and gun violence from a gender perspective

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- In-country training programme on Gender-responsive SALW control in Cambodia and Timor-Leste
- Launching two disarmament education projects in Asia-Pacific: (1) Responsible Innovation for a Secure Environment - building capacity of students to mitigate potential security risks from emerging and dual-use technologies and innovations; (2) Educating the Educators - strengthening academic infrastructure for disarmament and non-proliferation education

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