

## **UN blasts gun lobby misrepresentations as review conference on illicit gun trade approaches.**

On the brink of the upcoming United Nations Review Conference for the 2001 Programme of Action on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms in all its Aspects (June 26 - July 7) the gun lobby is misrepresenting the conference as part of an international plan to ban all guns. In fact, the Programme of Action is aimed at establishing international standards for the import, export and management of small arms in order to reduce their misuse. There is nothing in the programme of action or other proposals that prevents the use of legal firearms for legitimate purposes, in spite of this the gun lobby campaign, [www.stopungunban.org](http://www.stopungunban.org) claims that "These dictatorships, terrorist states and so-called "free" nations of the world plan to meet on our home soil to finalize a U.N. treaty that would strip all citizens of all nations of their right to self-protection, and strip you of your rights under the Second Amendment."

The NRA has rallied gun owners world wide to put pressure on states to back off on their commitments. Even Canada, previously a leader in pressing for international standards for national regulation of firearms, is expected to backtrack in the face of pressure from the gun lobby and powerful US interests.

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