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Obama Revives Talk of U.N. Gun Control *Under U.N. treaty, Americans' 2nd amendment rights would be abolished*

Gun rights supporters are highly agitated over moves the Obama White House made in October this year to set aside longstanding U.S. policy and begin negotiating a gun control treaty with the United Nations.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton first announced on Oct. 14 that the U.S. had changed its position and would support negotiations of an Arms Trade Treaty to regulate international gun trafficking. This is a measure the Bush administration and John Bolton, former U.S. Representative to the UN, had opposed for years.

Two weeks later, in another policy reversal, the U.S. joined a nearly unanimous 153-1 U.N. vote on a resolution to set up a timetable on the proposed Arms Trade Treaty. The resolution also included a plan for a U.N. conference to produce a final accord in 2012.

Secretary of State Clinton stated, "Conventional arms transfers are a crucial national security concern for the United States, and we have always supported effective action to control the international transfer of arms. The United States is prepared to work hard for a strong international standard in this area."

Gun rights activists, on the other hand, call the reversal a dangerous submission of America's Constitution to international governance. They also see it as an attempt by the Obama administration to put into place domestic gun control laws that would not pass in Congress.

In speaking with Ginny Simone, managing editor of the National Rifle Association's NRA News and the host of NRA'S Daily News program, John Bolton commented, "The administration is trying to act as though this is really just a treaty about international arms trade between nation states; but there's no doubt- as was the case over a decade ago- that the real agenda here is domestic firearms control."

He added, "There's never been any doubt that when these groups [say] they only want to prohibit illicit international trafficking in small arms and light weapons, it begs the whole question of what's legal and what's not legal. And many of the implications of these treaty negotiations are very much in their domestic application. So, whatever the appearance on the surface, there's no doubt about that domestic firearm control is right at the top of their agenda."

Brian Wood, disarmament expert for Amnesty International, explained in a Bloomberg report why his organization and others are pushing for the U.S. to join Arms Trade Treaty talks. Wood said the U.S. is the largest conventional arms trader in the world and the unregulated trade of conventional arms "can fuel instability, transnational organized crime and terrorism."

Rebecca Peters, director of the International Action Network on Small Arms, stated in an Agence France-Presse interview, "All countries participate in the conventional arms trade and share responsibility for the collateral damage it produces- widespread death, injuries and human rights abuses. Now, finally, governments have agreed to negotiate legally binding controls on this deadly trade."

But Bob Barr, a former U.S. representative and presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, explained in a separate interview with the NRA's Simone that a treaty that looks like it's all about fighting international crime cannot help but lead to erosion of Second Amendment gun rights.

Barr pointed out that it's nonsense when treaty advocates claim that they are not going to involve domestic laws and the right to keep and bear arms because- they claim- those rights would not be affected by provisions of an international treaty.

"There's no way that, if you buy into something like this-- and a treaty is passed that insures firearms transfers internationally don't fall into the hands of people that the U.N. doesn't like—there's no way that mechanism will work unless you have some form of national regulation and national tracking."

Bolton agrees with Barr's assessment. He is also concerned that the treaty would be used by the Obama administration as an end-run around the Constitution. "After the treaty is approved and it comes into force, you will find out that it has this implication or that implication and it requires the Congress to adopt some measure that restricts ownership of firearms," he said. "The administration knows it cannot obtain this kind of domestic gun legislation [through congress]."

Clinton's October statement of support for the treaty negotiations was filed with a caveat that the Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty operate under the consensus rule of decision making-i.e., that its provisions be adopted unanimously.

But Bolton warned gun owners that the consensus rule would not stop the treaty from passing. He pointed out that, but for the Bush administration, the U.N. over the last eight years could have been very close to consensus on exactly this kind of treaty.

"I don't think her comment about consensus offers Second Amendment any consolation. Absent opposition from the United States [a zero possibility under the Obama administration—editor] nobody is really going to put up an objection to this."

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