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**Finalization and approval of the additional international legal instrument
against illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts
and components and ammunition**

Proposals and contributions

Recommendations of the informal working group on article 9 of the revised draft Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, submitted at the request of the Chairperson

The informal working group proposes to continue work on article 9 on the basis of the following text:

*“Article 9
“Marking of firearms*

“1. For the purpose of identifying and tracing firearms, States Parties shall:

“(a) ...

“(b) Require appropriate simple marking on each imported firearm, permitting identification of the country and, where possible, year of import and enabling the competent authorities of that country to trace the firearm, and a unique numeric or alphanumeric marking, if the firearm does not bear such a marking;

(b) *bis* The requirements of subparagraph (b) of this paragraph need not be applied to temporary imports of firearms for verifiable lawful purposes;

“(c) [*Deleted.*];

“(d) Ensure, at the time of transfer of a firearm from government stocks to permanent civilian use, the appropriate unique marking permitting identification by

all States Parties of the transferring country and including a numeric or alphanumeric code.

“2. States Parties shall encourage the firearms manufacturing industry to develop measures against the removal or alteration of markings.”
