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## **Fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**

New York, 18–28 June 2024

### **Draft report of the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**

**Submitted by the President of the Conference**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its seventy-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution [78/46](#), in which it decided to convene the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects in New York from 17 to 28 June 2024,<sup>1</sup> preceded by the meeting of the preparatory committee in New York from 12 to 16 February 2024. The Assembly also underlined the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons for attaining Sustainable Development Goal 16 and target 16.4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2. The Preparatory Committee held its session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 16 February 2024, the report of which is contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/RC/1](#).

3. By its recommendation IV, the Preparatory Committee recommended Maritza Chan Valverde (Costa Rica) for the presidency of the Conference and requested that

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<sup>1</sup> The conference began on 18 June, as 17 June was a United Nations official holiday.



she undertake informal consultations, including open-ended informal consultations, if required, in the period before the Conference.

## **II. Organizational matters and proceedings of the Conference**

### **A. Opening and duration of the Conference**

4. The fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was convened at United Nations Headquarters from 18 to 28 June 2024. The Conference was opened on 18 June by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. At that meeting, Maritza Chan Valverde was elected President of the Conference.

5. At the 1st meeting, on 18 June, the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs delivered a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Ivor Fung of the Office for Disarmament Affairs served as the Secretary-General of the Conference. The Conference held plenary meetings and informal meetings.

6. The list of participants is contained in document [A/CONF.192/2024/RC/INF/2](#).

### **B. Rules of procedure**

7. At its 1st meeting, on 18 June, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure ([A/CONF.192/2024/RC/L.3](#)).

### **C. Agenda**

8. At its 1st meeting, on 18 June, the Conference adopted the agenda ([A/CONF.192/2024/RC/L.1](#)) as follows:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Statement by the President.
4. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
6. Adoption of the agenda.
7. Organization of work.
8. Election of officers other than the President.
9. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
10. General exchange of views.
11. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations.
12. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
13. Adoption of the final documents of the Conference.
14. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

## D. Officers

9. The composition of the Bureau of the Conference was as follows:

*President*

Maritza Chan Valverde (Costa Rica)

*Vice-Presidents*

Argentina  
Australia  
Croatia  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Ghana  
Indonesia  
Latvia  
Nepal  
Philippines  
Portugal  
Romania  
South Africa  
Switzerland

## E. Documentation

10. The documents of the Conference are available on its website, <https://meetings.unoda.org/poa-salw-revcon/programme-of-action-on-small-arms-and-light-weapons-review-conference-2024>.

## III. Credentials

11. Pursuant to rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.192/2024/RC/L.3), according to which the composition of the Credentials Committee is to be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, the Conference appointed Andorra, China, Grenada, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo and the United States of America, as members of the Credentials Committee of the Conference.

12. At its \_\_ meeting, on June \_\_, the Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph \_\_ of its report (A/CONF.192/2024/RC/2), after having examined the credentials of the representatives of the member States of the Conference and found them to be in order.

## IV. General exchange of views

13. At its 1st to 5th meetings, from 18 to 20 June, the Conference held its high-level segment and general exchange of views.

14. At its 1st meeting, on 18 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Dominica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the European Union, Ghana, Albania, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Switzerland, Finland, Ireland,

Germany, Czechia, China, Romania, Liberia, Burundi, the United States, Sierra Leone and Hungary.

15. At its 2nd meeting, also on 18 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of African States), France, Mexico, South Africa, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Cambodia, Cuba, Iraq, Senegal, the Philippines, Portugal, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam, Yemen, Bangladesh, Canada, Spain, Oman, Chile, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, El Salvador, Malaysia, Japan and Côte d'Ivoire.

16. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Poland, Djibouti, Sierra Leone (on behalf of the States members of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies), Argentina, Ecuador, Australia, Latvia, Nepal, Brazil, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Algeria, Honduras, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Thailand, Mauritania, Lesotho, Togo, Kenya, Austria, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Ukraine, Nigeria, the Dominican Republic and Guyana.

17. At its 4th meeting, also on 19 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Croatia (on behalf of a group of States and in a national capacity), the Bahamas (on behalf of a group of States), Lebanon, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Uruguay, Slovenia, Jordan, Mozambique, Jamaica, Italy, Myanmar, Colombia, Namibia, Tunisia, Greece, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Paraguay, Zimbabwe, Angola, Sri Lanka, Belgium, Eswatini, Haiti, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Bulgaria and the Holy See.

18. At its 5th meeting, on 20 June, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of Uganda and the Niger.

#### **Statements by intergovernmental organizations**

19. Also at its 5th meeting, on 20 June, the Conference heard statements by representatives of the following organizations: African Union; League of Arab States; International Criminal Police Organization; Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Organization of American States; Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Caribbean Community; and Coordinating Action on Small Arms.

#### **Statements by non-governmental organizations**

20. At the same meeting, on 20 June, the Conference heard statements by representatives of the following organizations: International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA); Esfuerzos de Mujeres Bolivianas; Nonviolence International; Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement; Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace; Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons; Control Arms; Youth Champions for Disarmament; Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy; Associazione Nazionale Produttori Armi e Munizioni Sportive e Civili; Gender Equality Network for Small Arms Control; OutRight Action International; Security Research and Information Centre; International Humanitarian Law and Youth Initiative; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Mines Advisory Group; World Federalist Movement; Foundation for Security and Development in Africa; Transparency International; and Firearms and Ammunition Import-Export Roundtable. Statements were also made by a IANSA ambassador, three IANSA youth ambassadors and a IANSA member.

## V. Consideration and adoption of the final documents of the Conference and the report of the Conference to the General Assembly

21. At its 6th to 17th meetings, from 20 to 28 June, the Conference considered and negotiated the draft outcome document.

22. At its \_\_ meeting, on 28 June, the Conference adopted, by consensus, the outcome document (A/CONF.192/2024/RC/CRP\_\_), which comprised the following: the 2024 declaration; action-oriented measures for effective implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, 2024–2030; action-oriented measures for effective implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2024–2030; action-oriented steps to address developments in the manufacturing, technology and design of small arms and light weapons for the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2024–2030; action-oriented measures to promote effective international cooperation and assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2024–2030; and follow-up to the fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

23. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted its report to the General Assembly ([A/CONF.192/2024/RC/L.5](#)) by consensus.

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