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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 received from Governments

Canada: amendments to 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

Article 9: Marking of firearms

Paragraph 1

- 1. Canada proposes to amend subparagraph 1 (a) (ii) of article 9 as contained in the proposal by the European Commission (A/AC.254/L.260), to read as follows:
 - "(ii) Providing its country of manufacture and a unique numerical code, such as a serial number;"
- 2. It is proposed to amend subparagraph 1 (b) and (d) of article 9 as contained in the proposal by the European Commission (A/AC.254/L.260), to read as follows:
 - "(b) Requires:
 - "(i) Appropriate simple marking on each imported firearm, permitting identification of the country and year of import and enabling the competent authorities of that country to trace the firearm; and
 - "(ii) If, at the time of import, the firearm has not been marked in accordance with paragraph 1 (a) of this article, the name of the importer and a serial number, or a unique numerical code;

"(c)

"(d) Ensure, at the time of transfer of a firearm from government stocks to permanent civilian use, the appropriate marking permitting identification by all States Parties of the country of transfer and a unique numerical code."