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Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider 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

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Draft report of the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider 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

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 56/24 V, the General Assembly welcomed the adoption by consensus of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and decided to convene a conference, no later than 2006, to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action, the date and venue of which was to be decided by the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session. The Assembly also decided to convene a meeting of States on a biennial basis, commencing in 2003, to consider the national, regional and global implementation of the Programme of Action.

2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 57/72 and 59/86, the first two biennial meetings were held in New York, from 7 to 11 July 2003 and from 11 to 15 July 2005. In accordance with Assembly resolutions 58/241 and 59/86, the 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 held in New York from 26 June to 7 July 2006. A further biennial meeting was held from 14 to 18 July 2008 pursuant to resolutions 61/66 and 62/47.

3. In its resolution 63/72, the General Assembly decided that the next biennial meeting of States to consider the national, regional and global implementation of the Programme of Action would be held no later than in 2010, in New York, and that the meeting of States to consider the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, would be held within the framework of the biennial meeting of States.



4. In its resolution 64/50, the General Assembly decided that the next biennial meeting of States would be held in New York from 14 to 18 June 2010.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration

5. The Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider 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 held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14 to 18 June 2010, during the course of which ... plenary meetings were held to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action.

6. The Secretary of the Fourth Biennial Meeting was Timur Alasaniya of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The Office for Disarmament Affairs provided support on substantive issues.

7. The Fourth Biennial Meeting was opened by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Sergio Duarte, who made a statement. Mr. Duarte also conducted the election of the Chairperson of the Meeting.

B. Officers

8. At the 1st meeting, on 14 June 2010, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Chair:

Mr. Pablo **Macedo** (Mexico)

Vice-Chairs:

Algeria, Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Finland, Guatemala, Japan, Mali, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Sudan and Switzerland.

C. Adoption of the agenda

9. Also at the 1st meeting, the following provisional agenda (A/CONF.192/BMS/2010/L.1/Rev.1) was adopted:

1. Opening of the meeting by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Statement of the Chair.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of other officers of the meeting.
6. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action in all its aspects at the national, regional and global levels, including:

- (a) Establishment, where appropriate, of subregional or regional mechanisms, with a view to preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons across borders, including trans-border Customs cooperation and networks for information-sharing among law enforcement, border and Customs control agencies;
 - (b) International cooperation and assistance;
 - (c) Strengthening of the follow-up mechanism of the Programme of Action, and preparations for the 2011 Experts Group meeting and the 2012 Review Conference;
 - (d) Other issues, and the identification of priority issues or topics of relevance in the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects and of their implementation challenges and opportunities.
7. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons.
 8. Consideration of the draft final document.
 9. Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.
10. At the same meeting, the programme of work (A/CONF.192/BMS/2010/L.2/Rev.1) was considered and adopted, as amended.

D. Rules of procedure

11. Also at the 1st meeting, it was decided that the rules of procedure of the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/L.1) would be applied *mutatis mutandis*.
12. At the same meeting, in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of rule 63 of the rules of procedure, a decision was taken on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Fourth Biennial Meeting.

E. Documentation

13. The documentation of the Fourth Biennial Meeting is contained in document A/CONF.192/BMS/2010/INF/2.
14. National reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action were submitted to the Fourth Biennial Meeting on a voluntary basis by the following ... States: [to be inserted].

III. Proceedings

A. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action in all its aspects at the national, regional and global levels

15. At the 1st meeting, the representative of the Small Arms Survey presented an analysis of national reports on implementation of the Programme of Action. At the 3rd meeting, on 15 June 2010, a statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR).

1. Establishment, where appropriate, of subregional or regional mechanisms, with a view to preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons across borders, including trans-border Customs cooperation and networks for information-sharing among law enforcement, border and Customs control agencies

16. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, held on 14 June 2010, the Meeting discussed agenda item 6 (a). An introductory statement was made by Federico Perazza (Uruguay). Statements were also made by representatives of the following countries: Algeria, Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Australia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Guatemala, India, Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group and in making its own national statement), Pakistan, Panama (on behalf of the Central American Integration System), Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries Turkey and Croatia, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda and the United States of America.

2. International cooperation and assistance

17. At the 3rd and 4th meetings, on 15 June 2010, under agenda item 6 (b), an introductory statement was made by Sarah de Zoeten (Australia). Statements were also made by representatives of the following countries: Algeria, Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Botswana, Burundi, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, El Salvador, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zambia. A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The representatives of Azerbaijan and Armenia made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

3. Strengthening of the follow-up mechanism of the Programme of Action, and preparations for the 2011 Experts Group meeting and the 2012 Review Conference

18. At the 5th meeting, on 16 June 2010, under agenda item 6 (c), introductory statements were made by Marlen Gomez Villasenor (Mexico) and facilitator Daniel Avila Camacho (Colombia). Statements were also made by representatives of the following countries: Russia, Spain (on behalf of the European Union, candidate countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Trinidad and Tobago, Japan, Israel, Australia, the United States of America, Papua New Guinea, China, Switzerland, Canada, India, Côte d'Ivoire, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Ireland, Norway, Colombia, Poland, France, Cuba and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Group of Arab States).

4. Other issues, and the identification of priority issues or topics of relevance in the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects and of their implementation challenges and opportunities

19. At the 4th meeting, on 15 July 2010, under agenda item 6 (d), an introductory statement was made by Lawrence Obisakin (Nigeria). Statements were also made by representatives of the following countries: Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR and associated States), Australia, Botswana, Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan and Peru.

5. Statements by intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and United Nations organs

20. At the 6th meeting, on 16 June 2010, statements were made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Central American Integration System, Economic Community of West African States, East African Community, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region of Africa and Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States. A statement was also made by a representative of the Office for Disarmament Affairs on behalf of the Coordinating Action on Small Arms.

6. Statements by non-governmental organizations and civil society

21. Also at the 6th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and the International Action Network on Small Arms.

B. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons

22. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 17 June 2010, which were moderated by William Kullmann (United States of America), in considering agenda item 7, an introductory statement was made by a representative of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Statements were also made by the representatives of the following countries: (...).

IV. Adoption of the draft final document

23. At the 9th meeting, on 18 June 2010, under agenda item 8, it was decided to include in the current report the outcome on agenda items 6 and 7.

V. Adoption of the report

24. At its 10th meeting, on 18 June 2010, the Meeting considered and adopted the draft report of the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider 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 (A/CONF.192/BMS/2010/L.3). The outcome of the Fourth Biennial Meeting read as follows: [to be inserted].
