REFERENCE: ODA/2022-00043/SALW

SUBJECT: Submission of the report of the Secretary-General on Resolution 76/232 “The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects” – Deadline: 31 March 2022

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution A/RES/76/232 entitled “The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects” (www.un.org/disarmament/salw/programme-of-action), adopted by the General Assembly on 24 December 2022.

By operative paragraph 33 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to seek the views of Member States, international and regional organizations and other stakeholders for enhancing international cooperation and assistance modalities and procedures in the framework of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, taking into account good practice and lessons learned, and to present recommendations for consideration by Member States at the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States”.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would like to refer to resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 entitled “Pattern of Conferences”, adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 1997 and 18 December 1998 respectively.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, all intergovernmental bodies are kindly requested to restrict the length of their submissions without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or their content. The word limit for each report issued by the Secretariat, including all submissions, is 10,700 words (20 pages).

The Secretariat encourages Member States to comply with General Assembly resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 in their submissions on disarmament issues to the Secretary General.

The Secretary-General will include the above-mentioned views of Member States in his consolidated report on small arms and light weapons, which will be published ahead of the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States, scheduled for 27 June to 1 July 2022 in New York.

In order to facilitate the submission of the views on the issues outlined above, the deadline for submission is 31 March 2022. Member States and international and regional organizations are invited to cooperate to enable the Secretariat to ensure the timely issuance of the reports. All submissions should be sent electronically, in Microsoft Word format. Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Giulia Marrone (marrone@un.org).
Any views received after 31 March 2022 will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the original language received. No addenda will be issued.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

26 January 2022