Supporting PoA Implementation: A discussion among OAS member states of two EU initiatives

DATE:       Wednesday 29 June 2022
TIME:       13h15 - 14h45 (EST, New York)
LOCATION:   United Nations New York (Conference Room 12)

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The European Union is currently supporting the development of two projects designed to support national efforts to effectively implement the UN Programme of Action specifically in the areas of transfer control and stockpile management. This side event intends to engage OAS member states and other interested stakeholders on the development of these tools to ensure they are fit for purpose.
DESCRIPTION

The Department of Public Security of the OAS, in the framework of the project “Countering Illicit Proliferation and Trafficking of Small Arms, Light Weapons and their Ammunition, and their impact in Latin America and the Caribbean”, through Council Decision CFSP 2018/2010, is developing a Regional Communication Mechanism on Licit Transfers of Firearms and Ammunition (MCTA). The goal of the MCTA is to allow the OAS Member States to exchange information expeditiously on the export, import, and transit of small arms, light weapons, their components, and ammunition, and to quickly identify potential vulnerabilities and risks of diversion to illicit markets in these processes.

In the second project, the Ammunition Management Advisory Team of the GICHID is exploring the potential development of an international mechanism aimed at providing assurances on the implementation of effective stockpile management. This project, funded through EU Council Decisions CFSP 2021/979 and 2022/2075, aims to support national efforts to both improve stockpile management and export control practices.

The meeting will engage OAS member states and other interested stakeholders in the discussions on the development of these two tools.