KENYA NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ON SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

COUNTRY SUBMISSION FOR THE REPORT OF SECRETARY GENERAL ON ILLICIT TRADE IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS IN ALL ITS ASPECTS

I. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Kenya fully recognizes the importance of international cooperation and assistance in facilitating member states in the implementation of the UNPoA and the ITI. To curb trade in illicit small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.

To this end, Kenya continues to encourage international cooperation and assistance for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action (POA) together with the International Tracing Instrument (ITI). Taking into account good practices and lessons learnt the following aspects remain relevant:

a) Develop and jointly implement agreements dealing with establishment of areas where there are no SALW (e.g Gun free zones).

b) Develop quantitative agreements and instruments stipulating numerical ceilings on SALW that have no practical repercussions on the security of the states involved or on development.

c) Increase collaboration in building capacity of states to detect and curb production/trade in modular, 3D arms and polymer.

d) Increase technical, financial and other assistance to developing countries, upon request, in order to bridge the technological divide between States, where it exists, in implementing the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, especially in the areas of: border control, stockpile management, destruction of illicit arms and ammunition, weapons marking, record-keeping and arms tracing;

e) Increase technical assistance and international cooperation to enhance the transfer of relevant knowledge, technology and equipment for this purpose;
f) Call upon states that are able to do so to support through contributions, the “Saving-Lives Entity Fund” to adopt long term programming in intervention design rather than the short-term project approach.

g) Build sustainable capacity on the areas of border control, stockpile management, destruction, weapons marking, record-keeping and tracing of small arms and light weapons, in line with the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

h) Urge countries with new technologies capability that can facilitate arms tracing to assist other states that are in need of such assistance;

i) Identify needs and opportunities for international assistance and cooperation, including matching the needs with the available resources and expertise.

Additionally, Kenya is committed to promoting international cooperation and assistance within the greater Eastern African Region. Kenya continues to be a beacon of peace in the region and a leader in promoting peace diplomacy. In this regard, Kenya further requests assistance from UN agencies and other development partners in the following areas:

a) Strengthening border control and security arrangements, and regional cooperation mechanisms within the framework of the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA), East African Community (EAC) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and other regional mechanisms;

b) Stockpile management and arms destruction, record keeping and tracing;

c) Exchange of relevant information.

This is submitted for further consideration please.