SUBJECT: Submission of national reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons and the International Tracing Instrument on Resolution 76/232 “The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects”

Input required – Deadline: 31 May 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/convarms/salw), adopted by the General Assembly on 24 December 2021.

By operative paragraph 23 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“Encourages States to submit, on a voluntary basis, national reports on their implementation of the Programme of Action, notes that States will submit national reports on their implementation of the International Tracing Instrument, encourages those States in a position to do so to use the reporting template made available by the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat, and reaffirms the utility of synchronizing such reports with biennial meetings of States and review conferences as a means of increasing the submission rate and improving the utility of reports, as well as contributing substantively to meeting discussions”.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs stands ready to receive the above-referenced national reports on implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, covering the biennial implementation period 2020-2021.

National reporting is done in a secure web-based environment. Reports can be submitted in all official UN languages.

Governments that have submitted a national report through the web-based template in the past need only to update their information where relevant.

Please request your country’s unique user account name and password through conventionalarms-unoda@un.org. Subsequently, your national report can be submitted/updated through poa.un-arm.org/login.
Only Permanent Missions or national points of contact on small arms can request the password. For a list of national points of contact, go to smallarms.un-arm.org/national-contacts.

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Also, by operative paragraph 32 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“*Calls upon* the Secretariat, within existing resources, to develop a good practice document on marking practices for modular and polymer weapons taking into account the views of all Member States and the role of manufacturers”.

Member States are invited to submit relevant information as part of their national reports (e.g., Questions 7.3 and 7.3.1. in the web-based template). An annex document, which could include details as well as images and illustrations, may be uploaded in Section 10 of the template.

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.

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