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This first issue provides input from international organisations, representatives of stakeholder governments, SALW project managers and civil society. It also contains an overview from the Stability Pact prospective, a contribution on the promotion of best practices within the OSCE, information about RACVIAC and SECI activities, as well as Saferworld and the Szeged Small Arms Process. Valuable contributions at the operational level are provided from the Support to Security Sector Reform (SSSR) Project in Albania, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Illicit SALW Control (ISAC) Programme in Kosovo and the SACIM Project in Macedonia. Data about recent weapons destruction is provided, as well as a feature about future options for destruction of surplus ammunitions stockpiles.

SEESAC hopes that SALW stakeholders will provide feedback on this issue and provide more contributions for the next issue, which is due in December 2003.
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