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GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST SALW - ACTIVITIES IN SERBIA

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The Control Arms Campaign is a campaign organized by the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) to mark the Global Week of Action Against Small Arms. During this week, various SALW awareness activities are organized by the SALW community worldwide.

In order to mark the Global Week of Action Against Small Arms, SEESAC and the UNDP Small Arms Project in Serbia and Montenegro partnered two local NGOs, Balkan Youth Union (BYU) and EBCO, to organize two events in Belgrade in order to support the ‘Million Faces’ Petition as part of the global Control Arms Campaign. On the 12 June 2005, BYU and EBCO volunteers organized a stand in the centre of Belgrade, where apart from providing the general public with basic information on the problems associated with small arms proliferation through the distribution of leaflets, signatures for the ‘Million Faces’ petition were also collected. Additionally, 300 posters were displayed throughout the city and discussions were held on local radio.

A similar stand was organized the following weekend, 18/19 June 2005, when BYU and EBCO attended the annual Belgrade Sports Festival. Here over 700 signatures were collected for the Million Faces Petition. There was also significant media interest in the work from Studio B and B92.

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