



CONFERENCE ON THE REGIONAL ARMS EXPORTS REPORT

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CONCLUSIONS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Government representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia participated in a conference on the Regional Arms Exports Report (the Regional Report) in Bečići, Montenegro from 09 - 10 July 2009. The objective of the conference was to agree on the format of the Regional Report and discuss the establishment of information exchange mechanism on denials of licenses in the Western Balkans.

Consensus was reached on the format of the Regional Report (see the template below). The Regional Report will follow closely the format of the EU annual report on arms exports. The representatives agreed on the data submission procedure. The language of submission will either be the country's language or English. It was agreed that SEESAC will compile national submissions and produce two drafts. The first draft will be circulated for comments by the end of September; the second, incorporating the comments, will be finalized and circulated by the end of October. It is expected that the Regional Report will be published by the end of November 2009.

Following discussions on a regional process for exchanging information on licence denials, it was agreed that at present national legislation in the Western Balkans countries does not contain the necessary provisions for a formal mechanism.

Consensus was reached to initiate a process of informal discussions relating to export embargoes, national export policies on particular destinations and types of goods exported there. SEESAC will be the Secretariat for this process. The first meeting will be held in Belgrade, Serbia at the end of October 2009. SEESAC will circulate a draft Agenda for the meeting in September, with a final version to be agreed by the end of September 2009.



TEMPLATE FOR A REGIONAL ARMS EXPORTS REPORT

Introduction

- A statement of intentions and relevance of the regional report including a short reference to the relevant EU legislation.
- Information on membership of arms controls regimes and adherence to the EU Code of Conduct.
- General information about regional seminars and outreach events, with the focus on events in the region involving at least two countries.
- Serbia will present a paragraph on the Serbian national reporting system as it relates to the Regional Arms Exports Report.

ANNEX

Information on conventional arms exports and implementation of the Code of Conduct by Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia over the period 1 January to 31 December 2007

The information on annual exports for the first Regional Arms Exports Report will be organized in the following way:

A.I Tables setting out exports per destination, per region and world wide

The figures in the table are broken down per country and where possible per EU Common Military List category providing:

- a) Number of export licenses issued; and
- b) Value of export licenses issued in Euros.

It was agreed that for the first report, there will be no data reported for the value of actual exports. The countries could consider including data on actual exports in future reports.

Data for this section will be submitted to SEESAC using the EU template in MS Excel format.

Comments should be inserted to indicate whether the goods, for which an export license was issued, transit through another country in the region.

A.II Table showing exports to United Nations-mandated or other international mission

The table will follow the format of the EU Report.

B. Information on national legislation relevant to arms export control

State	National Legislation	EU Code of Conduct	Brokering provisions

The data should be less detailed than the national reports.

C. Regional activities

The table should include activities taking place in one of the states from the region and with at least two regional states participating.

Host Country & Date	Participants	State or Organization supporting the activity	Description of the activity

D. Internet addresses for national institutions responsible for arms exports control

State	Institution	Contact Details	Website

All national reports are available in English at www.seesac.org