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DESTRUCTION OF WEAPONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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On December 7th 2010 the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia will destroy 28,285 surplus and confiscated weapons at **12:00hrs** in "**Centar za reciklažu**" (www.czf.co.rs), **Železnik**.

Mr. Ivica Dacic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, **Mr. Adriano Martins**, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, and **Mr. William S. Infante**, UN Resident Coordinator will address representatives of the media and diplomatic community before the destruction event.

According to EU Ambassador Vincent Degert, "The destruction of 28,285 weapons is extremely important because it is further evidence of the Government's commitment to fighting crime Serbia and in the Western Balkans."

The destruction activity is funded by the European Union (EU) under the EU Council Decision 2010/179/CFSP of 11 March 2010 in support of SEESAC arms control activities in the Western Balkans, within the framework of the EU Strategy to combat the illicit accumulation and trafficking of SALW and ammunition.

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