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11TH SALW COMMISSIONS

REGIONAL MEETING

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019

9:00-9:20

Opening Session

- Welcome remarks by Mr. Ermin Pešto, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Keynote remarks by Mr. Julien Berthoud, Acting Head of the Rule of Law Section, European Union Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, SEESAC Coordinator

(Group Photo)

9:20-10:30

Session I – Reducing the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession

This session will aim to provide information from ongoing awareness activities and legalization campaigns throughout the region.

- Presentation of practices from current or planned awareness activities targeting civilian population and legalization campaigns from the region.

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-13:00

Session II - Decreasing the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives

This session will aim to bring practices from the region on **control and oversight of firearms related activities conducted by licensed entities** (including as applicable: producers, repair shops, retail, trade, shooting ranges, hunting ranges, private security companies, training centers). (10 mins per presentation)

Guiding questions for the SALW Commissions presentations:

- **What are the rules and procedures** in place regulating the use, storage and trade (import marking) by the licensed entities?
- **How is control** of the use, storage, sale of firearms, ammunition and explosives by the licensed entities regulated in your jurisdiction?
- What are **the challenges** faced in conducting due oversight of the firearm activities by the licensed entities?
- Are there any **identified needs** in building the capacities of the licensed entities in their internal inspection systems?

Chair: Mr. Alain Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Adviser

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13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:15 **Session III - Tackling illicit trade of firearms via internet**

This session will focus on practices and challenges in detection, investigation and prosecution of illicit trade of firearms via internet, including the dark net. It will inform on the regulatory framework required and international instruments in place in combatting firearms related crimes via internet.

Presentation by Capt. Adriana Tostón Díez- EMPACT

Guidance for SALW Commissions:

- *SALW Commissions representatives need to be prepared to share any challenges faced by the law enforcement authorities in their jurisdiction in tackling firearms related crimes via internet.*

Chair: Ms. Jelena Bujaković, SEESAC SALW Project Coordinator

15:15-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-16:30 **Session IV –Implementation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Control activities**

Presentations by the SALW Commission of the Republic of Moldova and authorities of Ukraine and Belarus, in order to exchange information on key developments on arms control since the last regional meeting of SALW Commissions. (15-20 minutes per presentation)

Chair: Mr. Ermin Pešto, Assistant Minister of Security, Bosnia and Herzegovina

16:30 **End of first day**

19:00 **Dinner out**

DAY 2

THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2019

9:00-11:00

Session V – Arms Exports Control - Addressing diversion and tracing illicit transfers of weapons

The aim of this session is to provide a presentation of **iTrace**, its purpose, and an analysis of cases of weapons diversion originating from the region in the last years. iTrace is designed to aid arms export control agencies in identifying diversion risks prior to export and provide policy makers with information required to understand weapon transfers and, thereby, develop effective, evidence-based arms management and control. Presentation by Mr. Andrea Varisco, Head of Analytics, iTRACE, Conflict Armament Research

Guidance for SALW Commissions:

- *SALW Commissions need to be prepared to discuss and share information on measures in place to prevent diversion of weapons and ammunition and how do you respond to international tracing requests or allegations of diversion (5 mins).*

Discussion

- Presentation of main findings from Regional Report on Arms Exports 2017

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:40

Session VI - Arms control legal framework and regulatory practices

This session will aim to provide an overview of EU legal framework and practices on **control and oversight of firearms production for civilian use**.

Presentation by Mr. Alain E. Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Advisor

Guidance for SALW Commissions:

- *SALW Commissions need to be prepared to discuss and share information with participants on any practices or challenges in this area.*

Discussion

Chair: Mr. Miodrag Lazić, Head of Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia

12:40-13:00

Update from SEESAC on current and planned activities in Southeast Europe

13:00-13:15

Meeting conclusions

13:15

Lunch