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14th REGIONAL MEETING OF SALW COMMISSIONS

Tuesday, 12 October 2021

09:00 – 09:20 Opening Session

- Opening remarks by Ms. Lene L. Hove Rietveld, Conventional Arms, SECPOL, European Union External Action Service.
- Opening remarks by Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council.

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

09:20 – 10:30 Session I – Arms control legal and policy framework

This session will inform on new EU legal and policy framework on firearms, ammunition and explosives.

- *Update on EU's new Council Decision 2021/38 on establishing a common approach on the elements of end-user certificates in the context of the export of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition – Presentation by Mr. Michal Adamowicz, Policy Officer, Conventional Arms Export Control, EEAS.*
- *Harmonization of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors – Progress and challenges – Presentation by Mr. Alain Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Advisor.*
- *Countering the threat of trafficking and misuse of explosive materials (including hand-grenades) in EU and the region – Presentation by Mr. Leon Kersbergen, EUROPOL.*

Questions and answers following each presentation.

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Specialist

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Session II – Safe and secure management of ammunition stockpiles

This session will aim to provide an overview of challenges and good practices on ensuring secure, safe and sustainable management of ammunition stockpiles.

- *Feasibility study on International Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System – Presentation by Mr. Benjamin King, Project Manager, AMAT, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.*
- *Security challenges of ammunition storages in inhabited areas – Recommendations for a sustainable solution? – Presentation of a case study from Skopje.*

Q&A. SALW Commissions representatives need to be prepared for a tour de table discussing any related challenges.

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12:00 – 13:15 Session III – Firearms trafficking related trends and threats

- *Trends and threats related to firearms trafficking in EU and Western Balkans – Presentation by Mr. Alain Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Advisor*
- *Presentations by representatives of selected delegations focusing on the key trends and threats related to trafficking of firearms as well as any gaps/challenges in preventing and addressing these threats.*
- *New regional project on enhancing the fight against the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in the Western Balkans – Presentation by Ms. Jelena Bujaković, SALW Project Specialist, SEESAC.*

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Specialist

13:15 Conclusions of Day I and Lunch

Wednesday, 13 October 2021

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:40 **Session IV – Compliance of legal framework on firearms, ammunition and explosives with UN Firearms Protocol**

This session will present the key findings from gap assessments conducted throughout the region assessing compliance of legal framework related to firearms, ammunition and explosives with the UN Firearms Protocol.

Presentation by Mr. Diman Dimov, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Global Firearms Programme, UNODC.

Q&A. Discussion.

Chair: Ms. Jelena Bujaković, SEESAC SALW Project Specialist

14:40 – 15:15 **Session V – Key aspects of non-regularized firearms**

This session will inform on key findings from the research related to non-regularised firearms in the European Union. It will inform on some of the key aspects including characteristics, scope and types of these firearms, their misuse and trafficking as well as recommended policy initiatives to prevent, detect and combat non-regularisation, relevant for the region.

Presentation by Mr. Nils Duquet, Director, Flemish Peace Institute

Q&As.

Chair: Mr. Alain Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Advisor

15:15 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 16:15 **Session VI – Roadmap for Implementing the Caribbean Priority Actions on the Illicit Proliferation of Firearms and Ammunition**

This session will inform on the *Caribbean Roadmap on Firearms*, which was developed and adopted following the approach of the Western Balkans, its key goals and areas covered, challenges in the development and implementation.

- The Caribbean Roadmap on Firearms, its development process and implementation – *Presentation by Ms. Mélanie Régimbal, Director of United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.*
- The added value of the Regional Roadmap from a national perspective – *Presentation from Country Representative, Caribbean region.*

Questions and Answers following each presentation.

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Specialist

16:15 – 16:30 **Conclusions of the meeting**