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Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System (AAMVS)

implementation of **EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/979**

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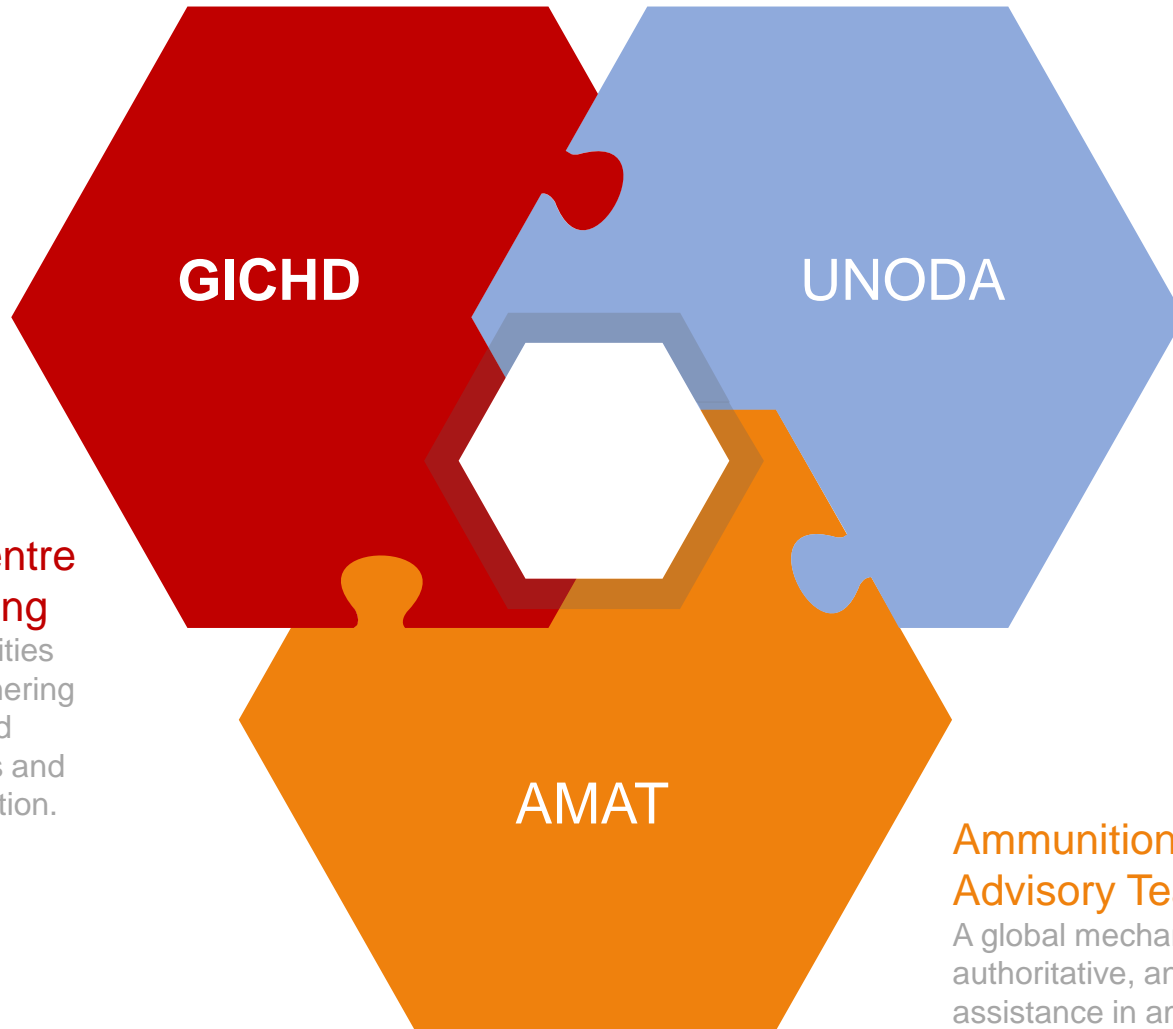
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Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
 The reduction of risk to communities from explosive ordnance by furthering knowledge, promoting norms and standards, developing capacities and facilitating dialogue and cooperation.

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
 Dissemination of IATG, through the UN SaferGuard Programme.

SG's Disarmament Agenda, Action 22 the promotion of more effective State and regional action on excessive and poorly maintained stockpiles in all available forums.

Ammunition Management Advisory Team
 A global mechanism for practical, authoritative, and sustainable technical assistance in ammunition management.

Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT)



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MISSION



Strengthen the capacities of States to improve the safety and security of ammunition stockpiles, in line with the International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG).

GOAL



The global reduction of the risk of accidental explosions and illicit diversion, ensuring safer communities and more stable States and societies.





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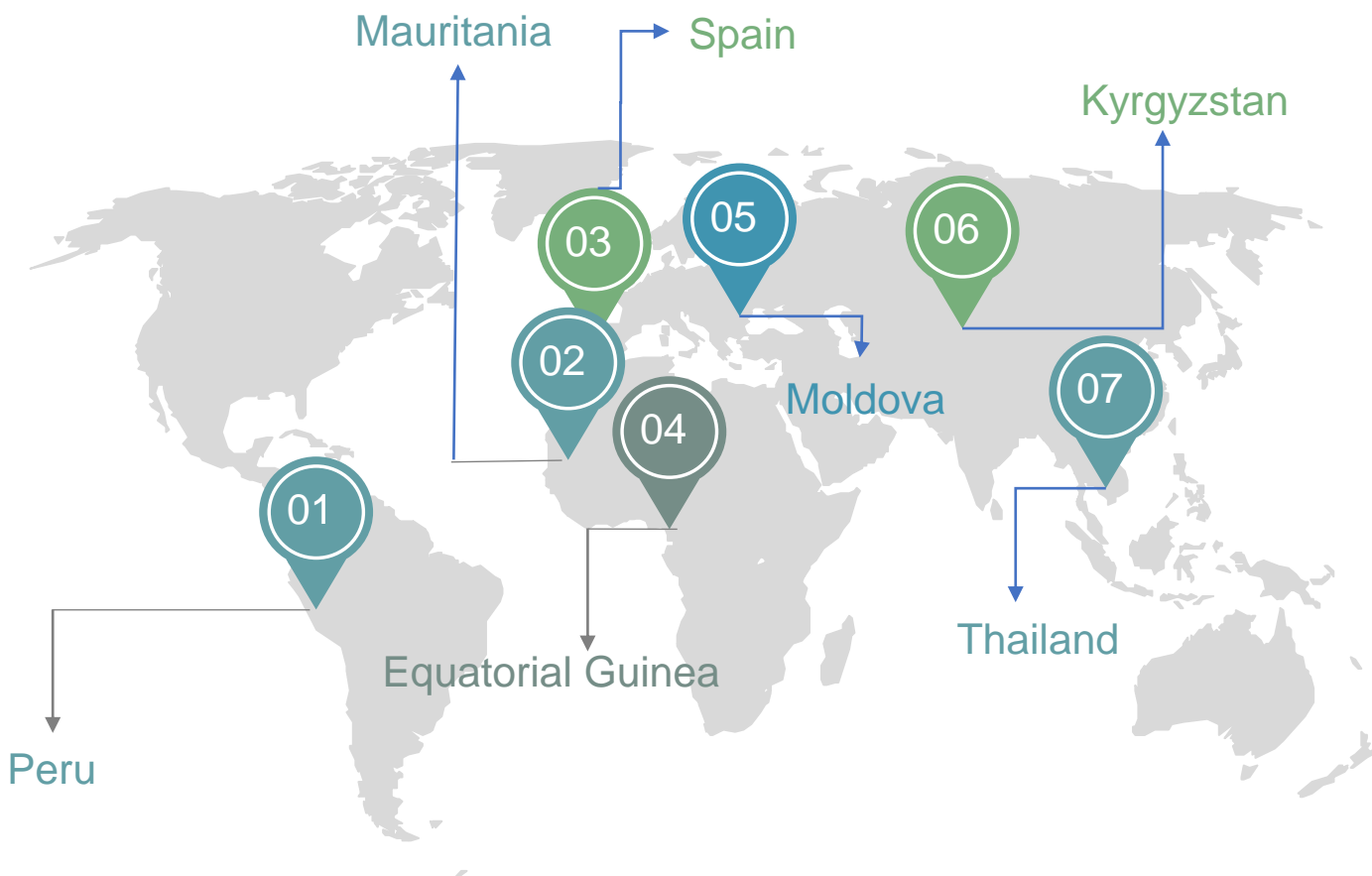
RESPONSIVE TO THE CONTINUALLY CHANGING NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF STATES AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS.

-  **Promoting knowledge (concepts, methods and tools)**
through the sharing of knowledge products and good practice and analysis
-  **Supporting the codification of knowledge into norms, policies and standards**
At the international level through the development of the IATG and the national level through the development of strategies and practices
-  **Disseminating knowledge into national and regional programmes**
by providing tailored technical assistance and advice (trainings, workshops, assessments, national action plans)
-  **Facilitating dialogue and cooperation**
through the matching needs, resources and expertise on ammunition management

Lines of Service



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Support the dissemination of the IATG

- ◆ UN SaferGuard validation process & the roster of experts
- ◆ UN SaferGuard Quick Response Mechanism (QRM)
- ◆ IATG Version 3 review, co-hosting the TRB & SCG
- ◆ IATG Standardised Assessment Methodology (SAM)
- ◆ Ammunition Management Activity Platform (A-MAP)
- ◆ Comprehensive IATG training programme
- ◆ UN DDR WAM materials and trainings
- ◆ Digitised IATG for international use

Snapshot of activities



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- EU Council Decision to explore the possibility of developing:
 - Internationally recognised system to validate arms and ammunition management practices and policies against accepted best practices
 - Voluntary system
 - Management of SALW and ammunition stockpiles
- The goal of the validation system:
 - To support the implementation of best practices
 - To improve decision-making for stakeholders
- Project:
 - Phase 1 (October 2020 – October 2021) – Conduct feasibility study
 - Phase 2 (if approved) – develop conformity assessment tools and plan for developing AAMVS

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- Why use a conformity assessment approach?
 - Internationally recognized tools (ISO) add credibility by demonstrating requirements are fulfilled
 - Provides stakeholders with confidence and certainty
 - Confirms compliance and encourages corrective actions when necessary
 - Commonly used in fields related to health and safety regulation
- Conformity assessment in SALW and ammunition management
 - Assurance of secure and safe stockpiles sought by many stakeholders
 - Implementation of international and regional instruments
 - Demonstration of capacity and responsibility
 - Determining needs and assistance provision impacts

AAMVS Concept



Question	Yes/No/Maybe	Comments
Is the system technically and operationally feasible?	Yes	A modular approach will allow the system to apply ISO standard conformity assessment methods to TLM.
Is the system economically feasible?	Maybe	Unlikely to be financially independent, the AAMVS will require funding. Cost depends on the structure of the system created.
Is the system politically feasible?	Yes	The system would complement and support the implementation of several instruments.
Is the system legally feasible?	Yes	No legal red flags were found. Initial liability concerns are not a barrier.
Is the system feasible in terms of military security?	Yes	Concerns over potential threats to supply chains or data protection can be addressed.
Is the system feasible in terms of community safety/security?	Yes	The AAMVS would form part of a network of arms control tools aimed at improving safety and security.
Is the system feasible within a reasonable period of time?	Maybe	If the system is developed through consensus, as advised, it will take several years to develop.

Phase 1 findings



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- Develop the AAMVS conformity assessment
- Develop options for AAMVS system owner
- Develop a plan for building consensus around AAMVS
- Engage stakeholders in the concept and plans

Next steps



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