



Government of the Republic of Macedonia

National Commission for Small Arms and Light Weapons in Republic of Macedonia

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- National strategy and Action Plan adopted by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in 2005 year;
- The efforts of the government of Republic of Macedonia is to prevent, control and eradicate the proliferation of illicit weapons in accordance with the regional and international initiatives, standards and documents on control over weapons, ammunition and explosive materials.



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- Government of the Republic of Macedonia established the National Commission for Small Arms and Light Weapons in Republic of Macedonia in 2007 year;
- Structure of the National Commission for Small Arms and Light Weapons in Republic of Macedonia:
 - President – State Secretary in the Ministry of interior,
 - National Focal Point from the Ministry of interior,
- - Secretary and members from different ministries: Ministry of interior, Ministry of defense, Ministry of justice, Ministry of foreign affairs, Ministry of economy, Ministry of local government, Ministry of education and science, Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water economy and Ministry of finance Customs administration.
- The following should be represented as observers, if they are not already de facto members:
- Non Governmental Organization (NGO) representative;
- Civil Society Organization (CSO) representative; and
- other international organisations directly implementing a SALW intervention project.



Aim and objectives of the National SALW Commission



- **Aim:** *To secure a safer environment and control small arms and light weapons within society in order to promote the conditions for improvement of the general security in the country.*
- **Objectives:**
 - ensure general safety and personal security of the citizens;
 - reduction of the number of weapon and ammunition accidents;
 - reduction of the number of weapons available to criminals;
 - control of legal weapons through national legislation and registration;
 - need to make a public connection between the availability of weapons and violence in the society, (by both national authorities and the civilian population at large);
 - requirement to build community awareness of the problem and hence community solidarity;
 - reduction and disruption of the transfer and illicit trade of weapons on the black market;
 - reduction of the open visibility of weapons in the community, and change the culture of weapons;
 - alteration of legal regulations in order to prevent and sanction the illegal weapons possession; and
 - use of specific SALW control interventions as a launch framework for future capacity building and sustainable development.



Role and tasks of the National SALW Commission



- The primary role of the national SALW commission is overview and control of: *The planning, coordination, direction and monitoring of all appropriate SALW control interventions at the national level in order to secure a safer environment and control small arms and light weapons within society thereby creating the conditions for improvement of the general security in the country.*
- The tasks of a national SALW commission is to :
- identify, determine and (if possible) quantification of the impact of SALW on society, human security and safety, and economic and social development of the country;
- Determine the priorities of a SALW control intervention and the implementation of a NAP;
- Derive and develop the operational objectives of a SALW control intervention from the aim;
- Develop and disseminate a “national SALW action plan” ;
- Ensure the availability of, and the mobilisation where necessary, sufficient resources to carry out the national SALW action plan;
- Approve detailed SALW intervention proposals of all appropriate stakeholders, including legislative issues, in support of the national SALW action plan;



Tasks of the National SALW Commission



- Disseminate timely information to all appropriate stakeholders in support of the national SALW action plan;
- Monitor all SALW intervention components in support of the national SALW action plan;
- Evaluate all SALW intervention components in support of the national SALW action plan;
- Update the national SALW action plan when appropriate to respond to changing operational situations;
- Report national SALW intervention measures to the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in accordance with the UN SALW Plan of Action ;
- Report national SALW intervention measures to the OSCE in accordance with the OSCE Document on SALW ;
- Ensure that the UN Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking of SALW , OSCE document on weapons, and OSCE document on stockpiles of conventional ammunition and any UN sanctions are complied with, for the export of SALW.
- Initiate signing of the UN Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking of weapons, weapons parts, components and ammunition as a complement to the UN Convention against trans-national organized crime.



Functional areas of SALW control intervention



FUNCTIONAL AREAS		LEAD MINISTRY	OTHER STAKEHOLDERS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	Cross Border Control	Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Finances- Customs
2	Legislative and Regulatory Issues	Ministry of Interior	Legislation Secretariat
3	Management Information and SALW Survey	Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Defence
4	SALW Awareness and Communications Strategy	Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Education
5A	SALW Collection (Weapons)	Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Defence
5B	SALW Collection (Ammunition)	Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Defence
6A	SALW Destruction (Weapons)	Ministry of Defence	Ministry of Interior
6B	SALW Destruction (Ammunition)	Ministry of Defence	Ministry of Interior
7	SALW Stockpile Management Issues	Ministry of Defence	All Ministries that possess weapons
8	Security Sector Reform (SSR) Issues	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Defence	Government of the RM Ministry of Finance



SALW control

- SALW control is a complex process, in which there are many components, all of which must interact correctly with each other. *(The following matrix is the basis for operational SALW control interventions, which should be further developed into the National Action Plan as progress is made).* The action points in the following matrix are shown against functional areas, and are in neither date or priority order. The National Action Plan will be continually updated to reflect the progress of the various component parts contained within it.



Operational SALW control interventions



FUNCTIONAL AREAS		ACTION POINT	LEAD MINISTRY	TARGET DATE	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Cross Border Control	Develop plan to control the illicit movement of SALW across national borders.	<i>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Finances – Customs</i>		<i>License for import – export Relations between Border Police and Customs End User Certificate Relations towards Interpol and SECI – Center</i>
2	Legislative and Regulatory Issues	Formation of National SALW Commission	<i>Government of the RM Ministry of Interior National SALW Commission</i>		
		Operational planning of national SALW control intervention.	<i>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Justice</i>		
		Development of appropriate legislation to support SALW control interventions			<i>Laws and sub legislations (Proposal law on marking and tracing, Proposal initiative on brokering initiatives, Proposal initiative law on external trade; Proposal initiative of the law on hunting and verifying law on private security companies; development of the manual on export – import and the use of and end user certificate,</i>



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3	Management Information and SALW Survey	Assessment of the risks from SALW, and their impact on the community. (Conduct of a National SALW Survey).	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Defense Ministry of Finances - Customs		National Catalogue Central Database (Update) Registration Incident analysis Perception surveys
		Reporting on SALW to appropriate international organizations in compliance with the relevant international agreements or codes.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Interior		
		Develop progress monitoring and evaluation methodology.	All Ministries		
4	SALW Awareness and Communications Strategy	Development and implementation of the 'sensitization' phase of a SALW Awareness campaign.	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Education		Development of a communications strategy Risk education Educational programs Support to community policing
		Development and implementation of the full SALW Awareness campaign, which is designed to support the national strategy.	Ministry of Interior		
		Development of a media operations	Ministry of Interior		



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5A	SALW Collection (Weapons)	Development of a weapons collection plan.	<i>Ministry of Interior</i> <i>Ministry of Defense</i>		<i>Evidencing of confiscated and found weapons</i>
		Implement weapons collection plan	<i>Ministry of Interior</i> <i>Ministry of Defense</i>		
5B	SALW Collection (Ammunition)	Development of an EOD response to support ammunition finds and returns.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		
		Development of a policy to deal with returned ammunition.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		
6A	SALW Destruction (Weapons)	Identify appropriate facility and technology for destruction of weapons.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		
		Commence resource mobilization activities to fund destruction.	<i>Ministry of Finance</i> <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>		
		Undertake capacity development of infrastructure and staff at destruction facility.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		
		Implement weapons destruction plan.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		



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6B	SALW Destruction (Ammunition)	Identify appropriate facility and technology for destruction of ammunition.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		
		Commence resource mobilization activities to fund destruction.	<i>Ministry of Finance</i> <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>		
		Undertake capacity development of infrastructure and staff at destruction facility.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		
		Implement ammunition destruction plan.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		
7	SALW Stockpile Management Issues	Ensure security of national stockpiles of weapons and ammunition.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i>		<i>Control of stockpile management in state institutions, legal entities and shooting associations.</i>
8	Security Sector Reform (SSR) Issues	Identify surplus stocks arising from armed forces and police restructuring, and ensure that they are reflected in the destruction plan.	<i>Ministry of Defense</i> <i>Ministry of Interior</i>		<i>Education of experts in the field of brokering, transport, transit with weapons.</i>



Future activities for SALW control



- Practical implementation of new amendments of Law of weapon and Law on production and trade of arms and military equipment;
- Collection and destroy found, seized and confiscated weapons;
- Arise public awareness at the citizen in the Republic of Macedonia about using the SALW;
- Implementation of the ratified Arms Trade Treaty and
- Activities related to preparation of the Republic of Macedonia for membership at the Wassenaar Arrangement



Thank you for your attention

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