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ROADMAP

FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION,
MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SALW AND THEIR AMMUNITION

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS BY 2024

5th REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

6-7 JULY 2021

Hybrid Setup (Online via Zoom)

Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to any discussions related to the briefings by each SALW Commission. No formal updates are expected.

Chair: Mr. Alain Lapon, Chief Technical Adviser, SEESAC

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:50 **SESSION III – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 2 (Cont.) & 3 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS**

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 2 (Cont.) & 3 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans - Briefings by SALW Commissions (10 mins per briefing, including any intervention from Prosecution Offices).

Updates should focus on the status and actions taken during the reporting period on:

- o Establishment and activities of the **Firearms Focal Points**;
- o Strengthening **the investigation** (including **forensic examination**) capacities for firearm related crimes;
- o **Preventing and countering trafficking** of firearms, ammunition and explosives;
- o Bilateral, regional and international **operational cooperation and exchange of information** on firearm related crimes;
- o **Prosecution and adjudication** of illicit possession and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives;
- o Key challenges, plans for 2021 and support required.

Questions & Answers

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Chair: Ms. Simonetta Grassi, Head of the Programme/Senior Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC Global Firearms Programme

13:50 – 14:00 **Conclusion of Day 1**

GOAL 2
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are intelligence-led.

GOAL 3
By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 7 July 2021

09:00 – 10:20

SESSION IV – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 4 & 5 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

GOAL 4
By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 4&5 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans – Briefings by SALW Commissions (6 mins per briefing).

Updates should focus on the status and actions taken during the reporting period on:

- o Increasing awareness **among licensed private and legal entities**, including FAE producers of the danger of misuse and proliferation of FAE;
- o Increasing awareness **among general population**, of the danger of misuse and illicit possession of FAE;
- o Any legal measures taken allowing for **voluntary surrender and/or legalization** of firearms;
- o Using **deactivation** as a tool to reduce illegal possession of firearms;
- o Key challenges, plans for 2021 and identified support required.

Questions & Answers

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Chair: Mr. Slobodan Bošković, Project Officer, Conflict Prevention Centre/FSC Support Section, OSCE

10:20 – 11:30

SESSION V – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 6 & 7 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

GOAL 6
Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.

- Updates on status of implementation of Goal 6&7 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans - Briefings by SALW Commissions (6 mins per briefing)

Updates should focus on the status and actions taken during the reporting period on:

- o **Surpluses** stockpiled and **confiscated** firearms, ammunition and explosives as well as activities related to **their destruction**;
- o Improving the **security infrastructure** of armed forces and law enforcement SALW/firearms and ammunition **storage facilities**;
- o **Overseeing** of firearms and ammunition **stocks of legal entities and individuals** in possession of firearms;
- o Key challenges, plans for 2021 and identified support required.

Questions & Answers

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

GOAL 7
Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

11:30 -12:00 Coffee Break

**12:00 – 12:50 SESSION VI – FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP**

- Update on funding mechanisms and tools established or available in support of the implementation of the Roadmap (OSCE, NATO and UN);
- Updates by donors on current or new planned funding.

Chair: Ms. Jorida Shytaj, Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

12:50 – 13:00 Conclusions of the Meeting

Mr. Emmanuel Vallens, Policy Officer, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission