5th REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

6–7 JULY 2021

Hybrid Setup (Online via Zoom)
DAY 1 – Tuesday, 6 July 2021

08:30 – 09:00 Access to the online platform. Link to access the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrf-uoj4oGVTzoOeL4g1LkLxHEP3vRk

09:00 – 09:45 OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks by:

- H.E. Marjolijn van Deelen, EU Special Envoy for Non-proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service
- H.E. Jean-Claude Brunet, Ambassador-at-large on transitional criminal threats and the fight against the illicit trafficking of SALW, France
- Mr. Albrecht von Wittke, Director of Division, Conventional Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- Mr. Gerd Trogemann, Manager, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub
- Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

09:45 – 10:10 SESSION I – 5th REGIONAL ROADMAP PROGRESS REPORT – KEY FINDINGS

- 5th Regional Roadmap Progress Report/Key findings on Roadmap implementation based on KPIs and Roadmap Goals – Presentation by Ms. Juliana Buzi, Regional Cooperation Specialist, SEESAC (20 mins).

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

10:10 – 11:30 SESSION II – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 1 & 2 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 1&2 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans - Briefings by SALW Commissions (7 mins per briefing).

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

   o Adopting legal framework on the civilian and military use of firearms, ammunition and explosives and its level of harmonization with the EU Acquis;
   o Compliance of arms control legal framework with UN Firearms Protocol;
   o Development of new strategies/action plans on arms control/Roadmap implementation (where relevant);
   o Integration of gender perspective into arms control policy;
   o Key challenges, plans for 2021 and support required.

Questions & Answers

GOAL 1
By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standardized across the region.

GOAL 2
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based...
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:
  - Establishment and activities of the Firearms Focal Points;
  - Strengthening the investigation (including forensic examination) capacities for firearm related crimes;
  - Preventing and countering trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives;
  - Bilateral, regional and international operational cooperation and exchange of information on firearm related crimes;
  - Prosecution and adjudication of illicit possession and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives;
  - 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
DAY 2 – Wednesday, 7 July 2021

09:00 – 10:20
SESSION IV – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 4 & 5 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

- 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:
  - Increasing awareness among licensed private and legal entities, including FAE producers of the danger of misuse and proliferation of FAE;
  - Increasing awareness among general population, of the danger of misuse and illicit possession of FAE;
  - Any legal measures taken allowing for voluntary surrender and/or legalization of firearms;
  - Using deactivation as a tool to reduce illegal possession of firearms;
  - 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

- 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:
  - Surpluses stockpiled and confiscated firearms, ammunition and explosives as well as activities related to their destruction;
  - Improving the security infrastructure of armed forces and law enforcement SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities;
  - Overseeing of firearms and ammunition stocks of legal entities and individuals in possession of firearms;
  - 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.
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*