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South Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons

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REGIONAL SALW DATABASES

SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA	FA 3 - Management Information FA 4 - SALW Awareness and Communications Strategy
SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY	SG 3 – Information Management and Exchange Activities SG 5 – Resource Mobilisation

Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, 03 July 2003. As of Tuesday 08 July, South Eastern Europe's first Regional SALW Database will be accessible via the SEESAC website by anyone wishing to access precise information on SALW projects in the SEE region. The database will allow users to collect and exchange information on all major SALW projects, such as SALW collection and destruction and to retrieve up-to-date data on which to base their SALW programmes, projects and campaigns.



With the exception of a limited access section of the database containing illicit weapon prices in the region (reserved for law enforcement purposes), data will be freely available to any user. The Regional SALW Projects database also has the potential to contribute to resource mobilisation activities, as it will assist donors to identify ongoing or previous SALW intervention initiatives and also can be used to identify synergy and potential conflicts between various projects.



The systems architecture for the Regional SALW Database is now complete, but inevitably data entry will take time before an accurate picture of the situation can be developed. Stakeholders in the various SALW initiatives within the regional are therefore requested to cooperate with the SEESAC team in providing accurate data to populate the database. As a security measure, data can only be entered by the SEESAC team. The creation and

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maintenance of the Regional SALW Database meets SEESAC's operational objective to develop a framework to collect, collate, analyse and disseminate (or support dissemination of), operational data and public information relating to SALW issues within the region in order to generate knowledge and support SALW initiatives.

SEESAC Technical Specialist, Craig Rutherford, (craig.rutherford@undp.org) will act as the SEESAC focal point for information collection and input and will be happy to deal with any enquiries or to receive information on SALW projects in SEE. To access the Regional SALW Database, please visit www.seesac.org from Tuesday 8 July onwards.



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