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SEESAC ACTIVITY REPORT – AR/091 FYR MACEDONIA SALW ANNUAL ARMS EXPORT REPORT 2005

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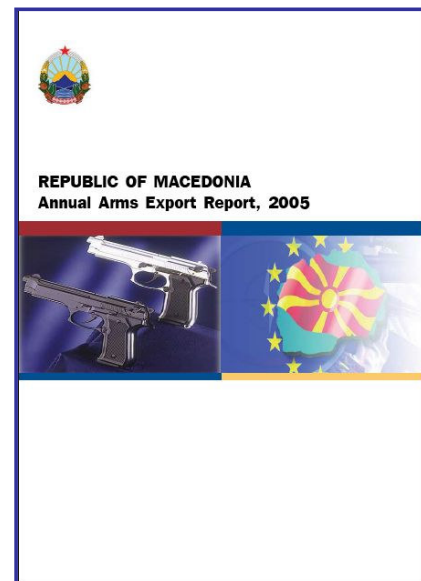
FYR Macedonia recently published their Annual Arms Export Report for 2005. This is the first such report that they have published and is a very positive move forward in terms of transparency and CSBM measures.



The report was compiled using the 'standard' arms exports annual report template developed by SEESAC as part of the EU Western Balkans SALW Control Support Plan (2006) initiative. It is hoped that the availability of this operational support tool will improve the capability of national reporting of other countries, which is a requirement of the EU Code of Conduct, and will also act as a guideline format for the responsible Desk Officers in national ministries. The system allows for ease of data entry, calculation and information transfer within the report, and has the following advantages;

- Improved accuracy of reporting;
- Comparability between nations, and over time, is made easier;
- Efficiency is improved during the report production process;
- Transparency will be enhanced and this will in turn assist greater civil oversight of exports; and
- It will encourage the production of timely reports as staff work is made easier.

This national report is available on the SEESAC website (www.seesac.org). For more information please contact SEESAC Communications Officer: ana.martinovic@undp.org.





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