Non-paper by Chair-designate

Indicative non-paper 2

**Preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects at the regional level**

Commitments of the PoA at the regional level include:

– to designate a point of contact to act as liaison on matters relating to the implementation of the instrument (para. II.24);

– to develop legally binding instruments (para. II.25) and to strengthen moratoria or similar initiatives (para. II.26);

– to establish regional or subregional mechanisms, in particular for transborder customs cooperation and networks for information-sharing among law enforcement officials (para. II.27);

– to strengthen relevant laws on illicit trade in SALW (para. II.28);

– to promote safe, effective stockpile management and security (para. II.29);

– to support national disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes, particularly in post-conflict situations (para. II.30);

– to enhance transparency (para. II.31).

(a) **Point of contact within regional organization**

• Regional and subregional organizations facilitated the exchange of information among States and provided technical assistance and expertise\[^{19}\]

• Further achievements?

**Possible issues for consideration**

• Encourage interactions between regional organizations and civil society or industry

• Regional organizations could encourage and assist States to prepare national reports\[^{20}\]

• Possibility for regional organizations to send reports to the UN on regional implementation efforts

• Other issues?

(b) **Regional instruments/Action plans**

• Legally-binding instruments at regional level inspired by the commitments of the PoA, have been adopted\[^{21}\]

• Several regional action plans have been adopted

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\[^{19}\] UNIDIR analysis of 2008 on national reports 2002-2008.


• Regional agreements on measures to control arms brokering activities have been developed, and regional or multilateral meetings on the issue of illicit arms brokering were held.

Further achievements?

Possible issues for consideration

• Lack of legal harmonization of national legislations in certain regions, and the lack of legal regulation in certain issue areas

• Promote and enhance regional and subregional action plans and programmes to help implement regional instruments on SALW

• Regional cooperation and assistance to combat illicit brokering

• Other issues?

(c) Customs and borders

• States enacted national legislation to criminalize arms smuggling, enhanced border measures, such as monitoring of shipment across borders

• Joint border exercise, exchange and sharing of information, and provision of training undertaken

Further achievements?

Possible issues for consideration

• Controlling cross-border activities in difficult terrain

• Insufficient coordination between law enforcement agencies, importers, exporters and manufacturers; need to enhance coordination among customs, border control and police authorities

• Role of regional organizations in coordinating and facilitating border cooperation activities

• Cooperation with the World Customs Organization

• Other issues?

(d) Laws, regulations and administrative procedures

• Regional organizations assisted States in coordinating national action at the regional and subregional levels

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24 A/66/157 (MGE Chair’s summary), page 13.
26 UNIDIR analysis of 2010 on national reports 2009-2010.
27 UNIDIR analysis of 2010 on national reports 2009-2010.
30 UNIDIR analysis of 2010 on national reports 2009-2010.
31 S/2011/255, para. 70.
• Regional organizations assisted States in developing model legislation, regional implementation standards and best practices\(^{33}\)

• Further achievements?

**Possible issues for consideration**

• Possibility of developing standards to guide subregional cooperation

• Possible regional coordination of systems for the registration of legal and confiscated weapons

• Other issues?

**(c) Stockpile management and security**

• Several projects developed by regional organizations to facilitate SALW destruction\(^{34}\)

• Regional initiatives taken to promote safe, effective stockpile management and security\(^{35}\)

• Further achievements?

**Possible issues for consideration**

• Lack of financial resource and equipment, expertise for collection and destruction of weapons

• Other issues?

**(f) Support to national disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programmes**

• Increased involvement of regional organizations in DDR programmes

• Further achievements?

**Possible issues for consideration**

• Take full account of the roles that women play in DDR processes\(^{36}\)

• Other issues?

**(g) Other issues?**

• *Any other issues to be raised by States under the PoA implementation at the regional level?*

WHICH OF THE ABOVE SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE PREPCOM OUTCOME DOCUMENT, AND HOW SHOULD THESE BE FORMULATED?

\(^{32}\) A/66/157, page 12.

\(^{33}\) A/66/157, page 12.

\(^{34}\) UNIDIR analysis of 2008 on national reports 2002-2008.

\(^{35}\) UNIDIR analysis of 2008 on national reports 2002-2008.

\(^{36}\) A/RES/60/68.