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**Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**

New York, 1-5 June 2015

**Report of the second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects****I. Introduction**

1. In the outcome document of the second United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, convened in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012, States decided to hold, in accordance with the relevant provision of the Programme of Action, a one-week biennial meeting of States in 2014 and 2016 and a one-week open-ended meeting of governmental experts in 2015 to consider the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action.<sup>1</sup>

2. In its resolution 69/51, the General Assembly decided to hold, pursuant to the schedule of meetings for the period from 2012 to 2018 agreed at the second Review Conference, the second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects from 1 to 5 June 2015. The Assembly also decided that its agenda would include the topics contained in paragraph 40 of the outcome document of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See [A/CONF.192/2012/RC/4](#), annex I, sect. III, para. 1.

<sup>2</sup> See [A/CONF.192/BMS/2014/2](#), annex.



## II. Organizational matters

### A. Opening and duration of the meeting

3. The second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 1 to 5 June 2015. Ten plenary meetings were held to consider the key implementation challenges and opportunities relating to particular issues and themes.

4. Secretariat services were provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs provided support on substantive issues.

5. The Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts was opened by the Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Kim Won-soo. The Acting High Representative also conducted the election of the Chair of the meeting.

### B. Officers

6. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

*Chair:*

Vlad Lupan (Republic of Moldova)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Rubén Zamora (El Salvador)

Bouchaib Eloumni (Morocco)

Kimberly K. Louis (Saint Lucia)

David Robin Wensley (South Africa)

Vincent Choffat (Switzerland)

### C. Adoption of the agenda

7. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, the provisional agenda for the meeting ([A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.1](#)) was adopted. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Statement by the Chair.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Introduction to the issue.
6. Consideration of the implications of recent developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technology and design for effective marking, record-keeping and tracing.
7. Consideration of practical steps to ensure the continued and enhanced effectiveness of national marking, record-keeping and tracing systems in

the light of such developments, including ways to support the transfer, uptake and effective utilization of relevant tools and technologies.

8. Consideration of the transfer of technology and equipment, as well as capacity-building, in particular training, for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.
  9. Additional issues related to the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.
  10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.
8. At the same meeting, the provisional programme of work ([A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.2](#)) was considered and adopted.

#### **D. Rules of procedure**

9. At its 1st meeting, on 1 June, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts decided that the rules of procedure of the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects ([A/CONF.192/L.1](#)) would be applied mutatis mutandis.

10. At the same meeting, in accordance with rule 63, paragraph (b), of the rules of procedure, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts approved the participation of the non-governmental organizations contained in the list made available to delegations in advance of the meeting.

#### **E. Attendance**

11. The list of participants in the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts is contained in document [A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/INF/1](#).

#### **F. Documentation**

12. The documents of the meeting include:
- (a) Provisional agenda ([A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.1](#));
  - (b) Provisional programme of work ([A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.2](#)).

### **III. Proceedings**

13. At its 1st meeting, on 1 June, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts considered agenda items 1 to 6. Statements were made by the Chair and the Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. Under agenda item 6, Consideration of the implications of recent developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technology and design for effective marking, record-keeping and tracing, technical presentations were made by Gary Fleetwood, Manager of the National Firearm Trace Programme, Australian Crime Commission (Australia), and Glenn McDonald, Senior Researcher of the Small Arms Survey

(at the Chair's invitation). Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Colombia, the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, the Sudan, New Zealand, Kenya, Mali, Iraq, Kuwait, Sierra Leone, Japan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

14. At its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 1 and 2 June, the Open-ended Meeting continued its consideration of agenda item 6. A technical presentation was made by Thierry Jacobs, Strategic Analysis and Relations Executive of FN Herstal (Belgium). Statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Russian Federation, Iraq, Belgium, the Sudan, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Australia, the United States, Kenya, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, South Africa, Jamaica, Botswana, Argentina, Spain, Morocco, India, Israel, Cuba, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan and Brazil, as well as by the observer for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

15. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 2 June, and at its 5th meeting, on 3 June, the Open-ended Meeting considered agenda item 7, Consideration of practical steps to ensure the continued and enhanced effectiveness of national marking, record-keeping and tracing systems in the light of such developments, including ways to support the transfer, uptake and effective utilization of relevant tools and technologies. Technical presentations were made by Hideki Kyogoku of Kinki University (Japan); Akiko Onodera, Adviser, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japan); Earl Griffith of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Justice (United States) and Laurentius Wedeniwski of the Bundeswehr Verification Centre (Germany). Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Jamaica, Belgium, Spain, China, India, Mexico, the Sudan, South Africa, Iraq, Germany, Morocco, Botswana, Ecuador, Israel, Kenya, Argentina, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Ghana, Senegal, South Sudan, Chad, the Russian Federation, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Liberia, as well as by the observer for CARICOM.

16. At its 6th, 7th and 8th meetings, on 3 and 4 June, the Open-ended Meeting considered agenda item 8, Consideration of the transfer of technology and equipment, as well as capacity-building, in particular training, for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Technical presentations were made by Callixtus Joseph, Regional Crime and Security Strategy Coordinator, Caribbean Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security, and Coulibaly Kani Diabaté, President of the Malian National Commission on the Fight Against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (Mali). A presentation was made by Daniel Prins, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch of the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat. Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Australia, Switzerland, Morocco, Kenya, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Guatemala, Sweden, India, Pakistan, the United States, Argentina, Cuba, the Sudan, Austria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belgium, Côte d'Ivoire, Greece, Iraq, Algeria and Egypt, as well as by the observer for the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States.

17. At its 9th meeting, on 5 June, the Open-ended Meeting considered agenda item 9, Additional issues related to the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Statements were made by the representatives

of Mexico, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, Sweden, China, Nigeria, Mali, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Romania, Egypt, Australia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba, India, Germany, Portugal, Austria, Iraq, Spain, Belgium, New Zealand, Greece, Guatemala, Ghana and Kenya, as well as by the representative of the European Union and the observer for CARICOM.

18. At its 10th meeting, on 5 June, the Open-ended Meeting considered agenda item 10, Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting. Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Ecuador, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand, Cuba and Iraq.

**Statements by international organizations and non-governmental organizations**

19. At the 4th meeting, on 2 June, statements were made by the representatives of international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

#### **IV. Consideration and adoption of the report**

20. At the 9th meeting of the Open-ended Meeting, the Chair drew the participants' attention to a draft summary to be finalized and circulated following the conclusion of the Meeting, under his own responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of Member States. The Open-ended Meeting noted that the Chair's summary did not cover all the issues discussed.

21. At its 10th meeting, the Open-ended Meeting adopted its draft report ([A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.3](#)), as orally revised, and entrusted the Chair with finalizing the report, with the support of the Secretariat.

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