



# Inaugural Conference on Tracing Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in the OSCE Area

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**23 & 24 MAY 2013**

Hofburg Congress Centre  
Vienna, Austria

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

Target audience: Senior national legal advisers; Chiefs of law enforcement

Anticipated attendance: 200 pax

# Day 1

Time	Agenda Item
09.00 – 10.00	<b>Registration</b>
10.00 – 10.20	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Alexey Lyzhenkov, Director, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</li><li>Representative of UNODA ( Name TBC)</li><li>Representative of UNODC ( Name TBC)</li><li>Representative of INTERPOL (Name TBC)</li></ul>
10.20 – 10.40	<b>‘More than a decade of dialogue : The current state of play of international tracing agreements’</b> Ambassador Anton Thalmann (Switzerland), former Chairman of the Open-ended Working Group on Tracing Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (TBC)

## **SESSION I : Elements of SALW tracing: Key concepts and definitions**

This session will discuss key definitions, as well as the elements of the ‘life cycle’ of SALW and its relevance to international tracing activities. Concepts such as marking, record-keeping, international co-operation and national tracing systems will be considered. The session will consider also potential points in the diversion of firearms and firearm parts to unauthorised persons.

### **Moderator:**

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| 10.40 – 10.50 | <b>‘Key definitions and concepts : The importance of a common lexicon for law enforcement’</b><br>Mr Vincent A. Paris, Assistant Crown Attorney, Counsel to the Toronto Police Service on Organized Crime and Firearm Issues |
| 10.50 – 11.00 | <b>‘Legislating for the lifecycle of a firearm : Key elements of SALW tracing’</b><br>UNODC or national rep (TBC)  |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | <b>‘International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) as they relate to marking, recordkeeping and tracing’</b><br>Mr Patrick McCarthy, ISACS Inter-Agency Support Unit, United Nations                                     |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |

## **SESSION II : Firearm tracing in practice – Challenges and opportunities**

Using selected case studies from criminal investigations, this session will consider lessons learned from international tracing activities including in relation to firearm identification, record-keeping, data access, transnational communication and timeliness. The session will also include an opportunity for participating States and organizations to discuss their experiences, lessons and challenges, with a view to the Conference developing recommendations to improve international tracing cooperation.

### **Moderator:**

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| 11.45 | <b>Overview of existing international/regional commitments on tracing of SALW in the OSCE area</b><br>Small Arms Survey, TBC |
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	<p><b>Session on training and capacity building tools and initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNODA</li> <li>- UNODC</li> <li>- OSCE</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion : ‘Bridging the gap between support and needs’</b></p>
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
15.00	<p><b>Case study 1:</b> E-trace, USA (TBC)</p> <p><b>Case study 2:</b> National experience in tracing, marking, record-keeping or international co-operation, TBD</p> <p><b>Case study 3:</b> National experience in tracing, marking, record-keeping or international co-operation, TBD</p> <p><b>Open Discussion : ‘Lessons learned and recommendations for the future’</b></p>
17.45	<b>Conclusion of Day 1</b>
18.00 – 20.00	<b>Cocktail event</b>

## DAY 2

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09.00	Opening of Day 2
	<p><b>SESSION III : Firearm tracing in practice – Establishing a common approach</b></p> <p>A number of initiatives and tools have been developed at the international/regional levels to facilitate tracing of SALW/firearms. This Session will particularly explore the application and benefits of the INTERPOL Illicit Arms Records and tracing Management System (iARMS) for SALW/firearms tracing. It will also allow sharing national experience and best practices.</p>
	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p>
09.00	<p><b>‘The importance of legislation for effective tracing cooperation’</b></p> <p>UNODC (name tbc)</p> <p><i>Co-operation of law enforcement agencies in effectively tracing SALW/firearms may facilitate their investigative efforts. However, there needs to be adequate legislative and investigative approaches to enable investigation and prosecution using tracing data as valid evidence. This session will discuss the linkages between tracing illicit SALW/firearms and other aspects of work of law enforcement and justice systems for the successful prosecution of cases involving illicit SALW/firearms.</i></p> <p><b>‘Information sharing as a tool for criminal investigations : Using INTERPOL tools and services’</b></p> <p>Mr Jean-Michel Louboutin, Executive Director, INTERPOL</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <p><b>The INTERPOL Illicit Arms Records and tracing Management System (iARMS)</b></p> <p><b>The INTERPOL Arms Experts Online Forum (ARMSNet)</b></p> <p><b>Open Discussion : ‘National and regional initiatives for enhanced law enforcement cooperation’</b></p>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>

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<p><b>SESSION IV : Firearm tracing as a tool to combat firearm trafficking</b>  International tracing plays an important role in enabling relevant authorities to trace sources, identification of trafficking routes and points of diversion of illicit weapons. This session will examine the existing empirical data on trafficking of illicit SALW and discuss methods employed to smuggle illicit SALW.</p>	
11.00 – 11.30	<p><b>Reviewing the empirical research : The value of firearm tracing data</b>  <i>Mr Eric Berman, Managing Director, Small Arms Survey (TBC)</i></p>
11.30– 12.00	<p><b>Modus operandi : Air and sea trafficking</b>  <i>SIPRI, TBC</i></p>
12.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Identification of trafficking routes</b>  <i>James Bevan, TBC</i></p>
12.30 – 14.00	<p><b><i>Lunch Break</i></b></p>
14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Open Discussion : ‘Recommendations of the conference’</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> Mr Vincent A. Paris, Assistant Crown Attorney, Counsel to the Toronto Police Service on Organized Crime and Firearm Issues</p>
16.00 – 16.30	<p><b>Conclusion and closing remarks</b>  OSCE  UNODA  UNODC  Interpol</p>