Firearms Programme

Tackling Emerging Transnational threats in the Mediterranean Region
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Armed Violence & Firearm Crime

75% in Civilian Hands

1000 Murders a Day

8 Million Manufactured Annually

850 Million Firearms Worldwide
Firearms Programme
Global Firearms Package

iARMS
This programme is funded by the European Union

INTERPOL Firearms Reference Table (IFRT)

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INTERPOL Ballistics Information Network (IBIN)
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- Launched October, 2009
- Global network of Integrated Ballistics Identification Systems®
- Centralized collection, storage
- Cross-comparison of ballistics data
- + 559,000 records
- 35 confirmed hits
Current IBIN members (18)

- Barbados
- Belize
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Guatemala
- Hong Kong (China)
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Lesotho
- Namibia
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- UK
- Mexico
- Chile
- Greece (1997-2012)
- Swaziland *

* Pending connection
IBIS equipped countries not connected to IBIN:

Algeria  Brazil  Paraguay
Angola  Bulgaria  Peru
Argentina  Canada  Philippines
Australia  Chile  Puerto Rico
Bahamas  Colombia  Qatar
Botswana  Costa Rica  Romania
Bulgaria  Croatia  Saudi Arabia
Canada  Curaçao  South Africa
Chile  Dominican Republic  Taiwan (China)
Colombia  El Salvador  Thailand
Costa Rica  Guatemala  Trinidad & Tobago
Croatia  Honduras  Turkey
Curacao  India  United Arab Emirates
Dominican Republic  Israel  United States

El Salvador  Jordan  Venezuela
Guatemala  Kenya
Honduras  Kuwait
India  Morocco
Israel  Oman
Italy  Panama
Jordan  Qatar
Kenya  Romania
Kuwait  Saudi Arabia
Malaysia  South Africa
Morocco  Thailand
Panama  Trinidad & Tobago
Paraguay  Turkey
Peru  United Arab Emirates
Philippines  United States
Puerto Rico  Venezuela
Qatar  Venezuela
Romania  Vietnam
Saudi Arabia  Vietnam
South Africa  Vietnam
Taiwan (China)  Vietnam
Thailand  Vietnam
Trinidad & Tobago  Vietnam
Turkey  Vietnam
United Arab Emirates  Vietnam
United States  Vietnam
Venezuela  Vietnam
INTERPOL Firearms Reference table (IFRT)
illicit Arms Records and tracing Management System
A New Tool for Combatting Transnational Crime

Data Centralization
Statistics

Tracing

Aligns with International tracing agreements and firearms protocols
Global database

- Lost
- Stolen
- Trafficked
- Smuggled

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• NCB Paris: traced 36 recovered weapons in iARMS

• iARMS traces: 13 positive answers provided actionable intelligence

• Leads linked directly to potential suppliers of weapons to terrorists (2 days)
• 755,842 Firearm Records

• 6500 Database Searches

• 3,464 Firearm Trace Requests

• 672 answered Trace Requests

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iARMS Phase III

- **Training and operations**
  - iARMS National Training for Central America and the Caribbean - 22 June -15 July 2015
  - iARMS Database Training for Asia 10-12 August 2015 - Singapore
  - *iARMS Training for Europe (West Balkans)*- TBA. Oct 2015  
  - *LionFish III 2015/Project Fortaleza* -TBA

- **Crime intelligence analysis**

- **Business to Business connection (B2B)**

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INTERPOL Resolutions

International & Regional Support
International Tracing Instrument

Resolutions

Resolution No. 6
AG-2011-RES-11

Subject: Encouraging member countries to make optimal use of the INTERPOL Rich Arms Records and Tracking Management System (ARRAYS).

The INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 21 to 24 October 2012 at its 82nd session:

RECOGNIZING the value of enabling authorized law enforcement agencies and other partner entities to instantly access, request and submit vital data on the INTERPOL international movement of firearms, as well as firearms that have been used in the commission of a crime.

REMEMBERING that ARRAYS is available to all member countries via INTERPOL’s global police communications system (I-29/7).

RECALLING that Resolution AG-2011-RES-11, adopted by the INTERPOL General Assembly at its 81st session held in Porvoo in 2011, urged member countries to make optimal use of the tools developed under the INTERPOL Firearms Programme and requested that INTERPOL authorize the extension of direct access to INTERPOL’s I-29/7 communications system to designated national firearms units or other units whose responsibility it is to investigate crimes involving firearms, in conformity with INTERPOL’s Rules on the Processing of Data.

EMPHASIZING that complete and accurate data is crucial in order to maximize the effectiveness of ARRAYS in enhancing member countries’ ability to prevent and combat firearms-related crime.

STRESSING the need for member countries to make effective and efficient use of the INTERPOL Rich Arms Records and Tracking Management System (ARRAYS) database by populating ARRAYS with complete and accurate data, namely:

- entering into ARRAYS all data on known lost, stolen, trafficked and smuggled firearms;
- ensuring that the data is accurate and regularly updated; and
- promptly and accurately responding to requests for firearms trace information from other countries.

URGES that, where possible, national central bureaus authorize and promote the use of the INTERPOL Rich Arms Records and Tracking Management System (ARRAYS) among law enforcement agencies whose responsibility it is to investigate crimes involving firearms, in conformity with the Rules on the Processing of Data.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

• Add all lost and Stolen firearms to iARMS

• Trace all recovered firearms through iARMS

• Utilize IBIN for linking crime scenes.

• Utilize INTERPOL’s contacts

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