Promoting a Multifaceted Approach to Addressing Illicit Arms Flows: Exploring Synergies between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and other relevant Multilateral Instruments

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Universalization and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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Agenda 2030: a universal, holistic approach

• Different from the MDGs
• Universal: A “to-do” list for everybody, not only developing countries
• Holistic: No goal can be achieved without advancing on the others, be that environment, health, peace, human rights, education…
• A road map to ending global poverty and building a life of dignity for all, leaving no one behind
Time to deliver...

- What does it mean in practice?
- Powerful instrument for alignment of agendas.
- Virtually all main agendas agreed by the international community are covered
- No additional layer
- Political momentum for delivery
- National and international levels
The SDGs as a new universal commitment

• States committed to reduce illicit arms flows (target 16.4)
• This commitment is universal
• What does it take to reduce illicit arms flows?
• Effective implementation of the international arms control framework
A theory of change

- A significant reduction of *illicit arms flows* as a requisite for development
- This includes preventing diversion (Art. 11) and ensuring that all international transfers are responsible (Art. 1)
- Proliferation of illicit arms as a key element of violence and insecurity
- Better arms control => reduced risk of illicit trade / trafficking
- Which in turn results in less violence and insecurity
Universalization and the SDGs

• The goal of universal ratification of the ATT is parallel to the SDGs
• Universalization of the ATT as the most powerful instrument to combat illicit trade
Global Partnership on Small Arms

Measuring Progress
- Key Processes
- Database
- Country-level case studies
- Indicators

Highlights
- New podcast: Measuring Illicit Arms Flows in Non-Conflict Contexts
- New publication: Online sales of SALW in Libya
- New publication: Illicit arms flows in Ukraine
- New podcast: Documenting Illicit Arms Flows in Conflict and Post-Conflict Environments

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