



SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons
in All its Aspects

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Benin, Bolivia,
Dominican Republic, Argentina, Vietnam, Haiti,
Holy See

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1 *Guided by* the 2001 summit of the United Nations Conference to Review Progress
2 Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and
3 Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons has made a positive step
4 toward aiding this growing problem,

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6 *Cognizant* that the illicit trade of small arms hinders the development of
7 developing nations,

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9 *Further recognizing* that illicit small arms stifle national security in developed
10 nations and obstructs their ability to fight against illicit drug trafficking and terrorism,

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12 *Acknowledging* that illicit trade hinders the development of developing nations
13 and threatens global security,

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15 *Affirming* the UN's 1977 adoption of a definition of a illicit small arm or light
16 weapon, including: handguns, rifles, carbines, submachine guns, heavy machine guns,
17 assault rifles, hand-held/under-barrel/mounted grenade launchers, portable anti aircraft
18 and anti-tank weapons, recoilless rifles, portable missile and rocket systems, landmines,
19 and mortars of calibers less than one hundred millimeters,

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21 *Recognizes* the efforts from Member States to address the problems caused by
22 illicit small arms and their actions taken to limit the illicit trade and manufacturing of
23 small arms,

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25 *Knowing* that illicit small arms cause violence, domestic crime, militant rebel
26 groups, child soldiers, illicit drug trafficking, and hinder progress in the democratic
27 processes in developing countries and threatens the security of the developed nations

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29 *Welcomes* efforts from all Member States, including weapons producing countries

30 to curtail the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons and ammunitions,

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32 *Citing* that illicit small arms require little skill to be operated and therefore

33 promote the use of child soldiers,

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35 1. *Strongly requests* stricter regulation by Member States of stamping registration
36 numbers on all future illicit small arms and light weapons by all the manufacturers, and
37 that the stamps include: trademark, caliber, model, registration number, country of origin,
38 and destination country of the arms;

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40 2. *Further declares* stricter regulation by Member States of stamping the name of
41 manufacturer, lot number, and caliber on small arms and light weapons ammunition;

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43 3. *Recommends* that Member States keep records of trade and transfer of small
44 arms, light weapons, and ammunitions;

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46 4. *Promotes* member nations to designate or establish a method within their own
47 government with the mission of overseeing the manufacturing, importing, exporting,
48 buying, and selling of small arms, light weapons, and ammunition;

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50 5. *Expects* that at the 2006 United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made
51 in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the
52 Illicit Trade in Small arms and Light Weapons member nations amend the Programme of
53 Action to include mandatory annual reports on small arms, light weapons, and
54 ammunition caches;

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56 6. *Works* to ensure uniformity in the placement of the identification marks
57 stamped on the small arms, light weapons, and ammunitions;

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59 7. *Encourages* the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the
60 Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit
61 Trade in Small arms and Light Weapon to meet annually to report on the issues of
62 manufacturing, trade, and transfer of small arms, light weapons, and ammunition;

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64 8. *Recommends* that member states to submit within five-years a record of their
65 current small arms, light weapons stockpiles according to registration number;

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67 9. *Requests* that member nations serialize, register, and catalog currently
68 unregistered small illicit arms, light weapons, and ammunitions stockpiles.

Passed, Yes: 45 / No: 30 / Abstain: 34