



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

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ecuador, The Former  
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kenya, Norway,  
Republic of Moldova, Uganda

*The First Committee*

1            *Taking into* consideration the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify  
2 and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (The  
3 International Tracing Instrument) for its current definition of small arms and light  
4 weapons,

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6            *Observing* that the definition of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs)  
7 currently exemplified in the International Tracing Instrument is lacking an all-inclusive  
8 classification of small arms and light weapons that is necessary for the international  
9 community to address their illicit trade,

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11           *Fully believing* that a comprehensive and concise definition of SALWs is crucial  
12 for the effectiveness of any resolution addressing the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and  
13 Light Weapons in all its aspects,

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15           1. *Emphasizes* the current definition of SALWs within the International Tracing  
16 Instrument;

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18           2. *Recommends* that the international working definition of SALWs include  
19 (a) Small arms are hand-held small caliber firearms, usually consisting of  
20 handguns, rifles, shotguns, self-loading pistols, manual, semi-automatic;  
21 (b) Light weapons include a wide range of medium-caliber, high-caliber and  
22 explosive ordinance, including man-portable and vehicle-mounted antipersonnel, anti-  
23 tank and anti-aircraft rockets; heavy machine guns, hand held-under barrel and mounted  
24 grenade launchers; portable anti-tank guns, recoilless rifles (sometimes mounted),  
25 anti-aircraft guns, mortars of calibers less than 100mm, hand grenades and rocket-  
26 propelled grenades (RPGs), portable anti-aircraft guns systems (sometimes mounted),  
27 sub-machine guns, assault rifles, light machine guns, and full automatic weapons and  
28 man-portable machine guns, carbines;

29           (c) Ammunition and explosives including cartridges (rounds) for small arms and

32 shells and missiles for light weapons; mobile containers with missiles or shells for single  
33 action anti-aircraft and anti-tank systems, anti-personnel and anti-tank hand grenades; and  
34 explosives;

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36 3. *Urges* the international community to accept this working definition of  
37 SALWs;

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39 4. *Requests* that the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly accept this  
40 definition as the official definition of the United Nations.

Passed, Yes: 43 / No: 26 / Abstain: 26