



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

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

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*The First Committee*

1           *Recalling* article 2.1 of the United Nations Charter that declares each state's right  
2 to state sovereignty,  
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4           *Noting* that conflicts surrounding Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs) are  
5 essentially of humanitarian and economic concerns,  
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7           *Recognizing* the gravity of the impacts brought forth by the illicit trade of SALW,  
8 and their effects on the international community as well as member states' developments,  
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10          *Affirming* the provisions put forth by The United Nations Office of Disarmament  
11 Affairs (UNODA) to curtail and manage the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons,  
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13          *Further recalling* The Report of the United Nations Conference on the illicit trade  
14 in SALWs in all its aspects,  
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16          *Gravely concerned* about the illicit manufacture, transfer, and circulation of  
17 SALWs and their excessive accumulation of uncontrolled spread in many regions of the  
18 world,  
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20          *Bearing in mind* the statutes set forth by the Programme of Action (PoA) of 2001,  
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22          *Noting with concern* that the excessive accumulation and stockpiling of SALW  
23 and their uncontrolled spread in many regions of the world constitutes a contributory  
24 factor to conflict, displacement of people, crime and terrorism, thereby undermining  
25 peace, reconciliation, safety, security, stability and sustainable development,  
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27          *Guided by* the definition of SALWs considered by the PoA,  
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29 *Considers* that, with the help of the United Nations, all Member States can and  
30 will achieve a more peaceful and successful world,

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32 *Recognizing* the prevalent issue of stockpiling of illicit weapons being one that  
33 threatens security and national sovereignty,

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35 *Recalling* resolution 62/22 in its assistance to states for curbing the illicit traffic in  
36 small arms and light weapons and collecting,

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38 1. *Calls upon* member states to Implement the PoA by:

39 (a) *Enacting* national legislation to ratify the PoA;

40 (b) *Utilizing* border controls, International Tracing Instruments (ITI), national  
41 licensing for both manufactures and end-users, administrative offices to act as liaisons to  
42 the UNODA, and regulations on materials and technologies used to construct SALWs,  
43 working with other states within their regions to successfully use border controls as well  
44 as multilateral cooperation to deal with the substantial problem of SALWs;

45 (c) *Preventing* accumulation of SALWs within member states;

46 (d) *Promoting* cooperation with INTERPOL, the World Customs Organization,  
47 and the International Civil Aviation Organization, which have developed practices  
48 touching on the goal of eradication of the illicit trade of SALWs by monitoring all  
49 shipments across borders;

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51 2. *Recommends* the UNODA to:

52 (a) Utilizes the UNODA to divide aid to states who request aid from the United  
53 Nations both monetary, technological, and other aid as deemed necessary by the UNODA  
54 to seek SALWs;

55 (b) Appropriates monetary, logistical and other aid deemed necessary by the  
56 UNODA by regional necessity for purpose of implementation;

57 (c) Oversees the legislation implemented by member states on a voluntary basis  
58 to ensure that each state is making steps to succeed in, reducing the illicit trade of  
59 SALWs;

60 (d) Convenes an open meeting of academic experts for as long as necessary to  
61 address key implementation challenges that could occur;

62 (e) Addresses a list of goals for all member states to achieve through multilateral  
63 cooperation and work with the United Nations;

64 (f) Developing an international standard for risk assessment and evaluation of  
65 shipments SALWs on an ad hoc basis;

66 (g) Give states the right to regulate the import of SALWs;

67 (h) Composed of citizens of all member states as chosen by each sovereign state.

Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 24 / Abstain: 22