



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

SUBMITTED TO: The First Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger

*The First Committee*

1        *Recognizing* the sovereignty of all Member States, as defined in article 2.1 of the United  
2 Nations Charter,

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4        *Guided by* the reality that small arms and light weapons (SALW) trade is most prevalent  
5 in Africa and has on many occasions resulted in civil war,

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7        *Further recognizing* the need for a further reduction in SALW trade and transportation,

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9        *Alarmed by* the damage done to the global community as a result of the prolific SALW  
10 trade,

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12        *Deeply concerned* about the use of SALW in local conflicts around the globe, including  
13 those involving child soldiers in Africa,

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15        *Emphasizing* the severe shortage of financial and human resources in the areas most  
16 affected by SALW trade,

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18        *Noting with satisfaction* the success of buy back programs instituted in Sierra-Leone,

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20        *Believing* a stronger cooperation would be present among many regional efforts rather  
21 than a singular global effort,

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23        *Recalling* the success of the South African Regional Police Chief Cooperation  
24 Organization (SARPCCO) program in unifying border patrol efforts in and around South Africa,

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26        *Reaffirming* the guidelines set forth by the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and  
27 Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

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29        1. *Urges* Member States to recognize the importance of Non-Governmental  
30 Organizations by:

- 31        (a) Providing or maintaining previously committed funding;  
32        (b) Contributing and operating equipment pertaining to the control of the arms trade;  
33        (c) Educating the regional community on the importance of arms regulation and  
34 management strategies;

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36 2. *Encourages* African Union Member States to implement border patrol efforts by:  
37 (a) Using the current program implemented in South Africa as a model;  
38 (b) Implementing SARPCCO programs to strengthen border security;  
39 (c) Further encouraging the development of SARPCCO-like programs in other regions to  
40 combat the illegal trafficking of arms;  
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42 3. *Urges* the international community to assist developing nations to secure their borders  
43 and support disarmament programs;  
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45 4. *Calls upon* the various unions of sovereign states, including but not limited to the  
46 Association of South East Asian Nations, the European Union, the United Nations, the  
47 Organization of American States, the African Union and the British Commonwealth, to help  
48 manage the proliferation of SALW among their fellow Member States;  
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50 5. *Requests* that the international community work with Africa's regional blocs to help  
51 secure the flow of trade and increase the knowledge of what is flowing into and out of states and  
52 making this information transparent by:  
53 (a) Providing and maintaining a closer connection between international customs to ease  
54 tracking of arms shipments over borders;  
55 (b) Supporting implementation efforts for International Tracking Instruments (ITIs);  
56 (c) Supporting the mediation of conflicts by Member States of that bloc, so as to allow  
57 for negotiation of conflicts by those most familiar with the unique regional workings inherent to  
58 any area;  
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60 5. *Supports* the efforts of buy back programs conducted by the Economic Committee of  
61 West African States and individual states and seeks to continue the success of these programs by:  
62 (a) Providing a system of support by using these buy back funds to offer humanitarian  
63 aid in addition to financial aid to discourage the purchase of more weapons;  
64 (b) Recognizing the needs of the affected states to approve their standards of living,  
65 offering different forms of humanitarian aid in return for SALW on a case-by-case basis by this  
66 committee;  
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68 6. *Requests* the usage of these African programs as a model for implementation of such  
69 worldwide.

Passed, Yes: 52 / No: 16 / Abstain: 17