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## **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**ON**

**ILLICIT AIR TRANSPORT OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT  
WEAPONS AND THEIR AMMUNITION**

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1. Reaffirming the important role that the economic dimension and intensified co-operation between the participating States can play in helping to ensure stability and security in the OSCE Area, and in order to defuse crises and threats to security, according to the principles contained in the OSCE Strategy Document relating to the economic and environmental dimension adopted at the time of the Council of Ministers of 2003 in Maastricht;
2. Reaffirming the importance of the multidimensional concept of the OSCE's common, global, co-operative and indivisible security according to the principles contained in the OSCE Strategy Document seeking to confront threats to security and stability in the 21st century;
3. Reaffirming that illegal trafficking, including that of small arms and light weapons (SALW), is one of the criminal or terrorist activities that could constitute a threat to stability and security, both inside and outside the OSCE Area;
4. Recalling that the OSCE Document of November 2000 on SALW stresses that the small arms problem should form an integral part of the more general OSCE action in terms of early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict reconstruction;
5. Welcoming the adoption by the participating States, in November 2003, of the eight best practice guides relating to small arms and light weapons;
6. Recognising that the destabilising accumulation and uncontrolled dissemination of small arms are elements that often lead to destabilising States, to impeding conflict prevention, to exacerbating conflicts and, in the happy event of a peaceful outcome, to impeding the consolidation of peace and economic and social development;
7. Recognising that illegal SALW trafficking leads to undermining the state of law and weakening already weakened States, and that the conflicts that result therefrom represent the principal threat to personal freedom and integrity, by the profusion of death and refugees that it entails, mainly among the most vulnerable categories of individuals: children, women and the elderly;
8. Welcoming the OSCE Presidency's initiative "Transport In The OSCE Area: Transport Network Security And Developing Transport To Reinforce Economic Co-Operation And Stability";
9. Conscious, on the basis of the United Nations report on the circumvention of arms embargoes, that the illicit dissemination of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition occurs primarily via air transport;

## THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

10. Exhorts the participating States to implement their undertakings on account of the OSCE Document on SALW. In particular, as it concerns the controlling of SALW air freighters:
  - a. In order to satisfy its international undertakings with regard to small arms, each participating State should take steps to obtain efficient means for giving effect to those undertakings via its competent national services and its legal system;
  - b. Each participating State shall consider any transfer of small arms in violation of an arms embargo imposed by the United Nations Security Council as an infringement and shall specify it in its national legislation, if it has not already done so;
  - c. The participating States shall agree to intensify their mutual legal aid and other forms of mutual co-operation in order to support and succour the investigations and prosecutions initiated and conducted by other participating States with regard to illegal small arms trafficking. To this end, they shall endeavour to conclude agreements between themselves in this respect;
  - d. The participating States shall agree to co-operate between themselves on the basis of the usual diplomatic procedures or applicable agreements, and with intergovernmental organisations such as Interpol, in order to locate the illegal small arms. Under this co-operation, they shall communicate, on request, any relevant information to the authorities of other participating States in charge of an investigation. They shall also encourage and facilitate joint training programmes and activities, at the regional, sub-regional and national levels, for the people responsible for the application of the laws, for the Customs service and for other competent services in the small weapons arena;
11. Recommends to the participating States to proceed, within the framework of the three OSCE dimensions, with an exchange of information between States on their national arrangements (legislative and institutional) in the field of the control of the air transportation of SALW, their ammunition, and their physical capacity to ensure this type of control, in order to lead to co-operative mechanisms and the establishment of a national contact point;
12. Encourages the participating States to create a climate of confidence propitious for the installation of a public/private partnership in this field via responsible dialogue with the air freight industry both within the participating States and between the OSCE and the competent international organisations (World Customs Organisation (WCO), International Air Transport Association (IATA)), in order to determine the type of measures to be recommended on this subject with regard to the existing standards and the economic imperatives affecting the air freight industry;
13. Recommends the formulation of a best practice guide on the air freighting of SALW and their ammunition.

**AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM**

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