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# Inaugural Conference on Tracing Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in the OSCE Area

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**23 & 24 MAY 2013**

Hofburg Congress Centre  
Vienna, Austria

## **AGENDA**

**23 May 2013**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
09.00 – 10.00	<b>Registration</b>
10.00 – 10.20	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Alexey Lyzhenkov, Director, OSCE Transnational Threats Department</li><li>H.E. Angela Kane, High Representative for Disarmament, UNODA</li><li>Ms Sara Greenblatt, Chief, Organized Crime Branch, Division of Treaty Affairs, UNODC</li></ul>
10.20 – 10.40	<b>Key note presentation: From international commitments to implementation: operational relevance of tracing in combating proliferation of illicit SALW</b> Mr Vincent A. Paris, Assistant Crown Attorney, Counsel to the Toronto Police Service on Organized Crime and Firearm Issues

***SESSION I : Elements of SALW tracing: International legal framework, key concepts and definitions***

This session will present international legal framework, key definitions, as well as the elements of the 'life cycle' of SALW and its relevance to international tracing activities. Concepts such as marking, record-keeping, international co-operation and national tracing systems will be considered.

**Moderator: Mr Franz Kolar, Chief of Vienna Office, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs**

10.40 – 11.00	<b>Overview of existing international/regional commitments on tracing of SALW in the OSCE area</b> Dr Glenn McDonald, Yearbook Coordinator, Small Arms Survey
11.00 – 11.15	<b>'International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) on Marking, Recordkeeping and Tracing: Practical guidance and a tool for conducting self-assessments'</b> Dr Patrick Mc Carthy, ISACS Inter-Agency Support Unit, United Nations Mr Himayu Shiotani, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>

***SESSION II : Firearm tracing in practice – Challenges and opportunities***

*(with a coffee break at 16.30)*

Using selected case studies from criminal investigations, this session will consider lessons learned from international tracing activities including in relation to firearm identification, record-keeping, data access, transnational communication and timeliness. The session will also include an opportunity for participating States and organizations to discuss their experiences, lessons and challenges, with a view to the Conference developing recommendations to improve international tracing cooperation.

**Moderator: Ms Penny Satches-Brohs, Senior Borders Adviser, OSCE Transnational Threats Department**

11.45	<b>Case study 1: UK national experience in tracing, marking, record-keeping and international co-operation</b> Mr Iain O'Brien and Mr Ian Head, National Ballistic Intelligence Service, United Kingdom
	<b>Case study 2: Measures to control for legal use of small fire arms as well as to counter their illicit trafficking at the territory of the Russian Federation</b> Colonel Nickolay V. Martyinnikov, Head of Directorate for ballistic expertise and registration, Expert and Criminalist Centre, Ministry of Interior of the Russian Federation

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	<p><b>Case study 3: Tracing illicit small arms and light weapons in Bosnia and Herzegovina – practical implementation and perspectives</b> Ms Verica Trbic, Senior Advisor, Directorate for Co-ordination of Police Bodies of BiH</p>
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Lunch</b>
	<p><b>Moderator: LtCol Simon Macrory-Tinning, Chairman of OSCE Informal Group of Friends on SALW, Senior Military Adviser, UK Delegation to the OSCE</b></p>
15.00	<p><b>Case study 4: Criminal and criminological aspects of illegal trade of weapons from the national perspective</b> Mr Dusko Ivanov, Ministry of Interior, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</p> <p><b>Case study 5: Following a global strategy: the German firearms register</b> Mr. Klaus Möller, first Captain of the Federal Criminal Police Office, Germany</p> <p><b>Open Discussion : ‘Lessons learned and recommendations for the future’</b></p> <p><b>Session on training and capacity building tools and initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Gillian Goh, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs</li> <li>- Ms Simonetta Grassi, Teamleader Global Programme on Firearms, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC</li> <li>- Ms Maria Brandstetter, CSBM Officer and Mr Anton Martyniuk, CSBM/Projects Officer, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion : ‘Bridging the gap between support and needs’</b></p>
18.00	<b>Conclusion of Day 1</b>

## 24 MAY 2013

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09.00	Opening of Day 2
	<p><b><i>SESSION III : Firearm tracing in practice – Establishing a common approach</i></b> <i>Co-operation of law enforcement agencies in effectively tracing SALW/firearms may facilitate their investigative efforts. However, there needs to be adequate legislative and investigative approaches to enable investigation and prosecution using tracing data as valid evidence. A number of initiatives and tools have been developed at the international/regional levels to facilitate tracing of SALW/firearms. This Session will particularly explore the framework for international cooperation and will focus on the application and benefits of the INTERPOL Illicit Arms Records and tracing Management System (iARMS) for SALW/firearms tracing. It will also allow sharing national experience and best practices.</i></p>

**Moderator: Dr Patrick Mc Carthy, ISACS Inter-Agency Support Unit, United Nations**

09.00	<p><b>‘International Co-operation for Tracing under the Palermo Convention and Its Third Protocol on Firearms’</b> Ms Simonetta Grassi, Teamleader Global Programme on Firearms, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC</p>
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**Time****Agenda Item****‘Information sharing as a tool for criminal investigations : Using INTERPOL tools and services’**

Mr Jeffrey B. Stirling, Coordinator, Firearms Programme, INTERPOL

Featuring:

**The INTERPOL Illicit Arms Records and tracing Management System (iARMS)**

**The INTERPOL Arms Experts Online Forum (ARMSNet)**

**Open Discussion : ‘National and regional initiatives for enhanced law enforcement cooperation’**

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee Break*

**SESSION IV : Firearm tracing as a tool to combat firearm trafficking**

International tracing plays an important role in enabling relevant authorities to trace sources, identification of trafficking routes and points of diversion of illicit weapons. This session will examine the existing empirical data on trafficking of illicit SALW and discuss methods employed to smuggle illicit SALW.

**Moderator: Ms Simonetta Grassi, Teamleader Global Programme on Firearms, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC**

11.00 – 11.30 **Tracking arms flows in North Africa: weapons tracing and profiling**

Dr Glenn McDonald, Yearbook Coordinator, Small Arms Survey

11.30– 11.50 **eTrace – Tracing crime guns with a nexus to the US**

Mr Joseph Kennedy, Special Agent, Europol Liaison Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, USA

11.50– 12.10 **Modus operandi : Air and sea trafficking**

Mr Hugh Griffiths, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

12.10 – 12.30 **Identification of trafficking routes**

Mr James Bevan, Independent Consultant

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 – 16.00 **Open Discussion of Recommendations**

**Moderator: Mr Vincent A. Paris, Assistant Crown Attorney, Counsel to the Toronto Police Service on Organized Crime and Firearm Issues**

16.00 – 16.30 **Conclusion and closing remarks**

H.E. Giedrius Čekuolis, Chairman of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation, Head of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the OSCE