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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

2001 UN Small Arms Conference	UN Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, 2001
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian States
ATF	The US Government Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
AU	African Union
BMS	The UN Biennial Meeting of States
CEE	Central & Eastern Europe
CICAD	Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission

CIFTA The Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials

CIS Commonwealth of Independent States

DDR Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration

DFID UK Government Department for International Development

DRC Democratic Republic of Congo

EAC East African Community

EAPC Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

EU European Union

EUC End User Certificates

GGE on Tracing The Group of Government Experts on Tracing Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons

IANSA International Action Network on Small Arms

ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross

ISS Institute for Security Studies, South Africa

IWETS Interpol's International Weapons and Explosives Tracking System

MENA Middle East and North Africa Region

MERCOSUR South American Common Market covering the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay- plus associate members Bolivia and Chile

NAFTA North American Free Trade Association

Nairobi Declaration on the Problem of the Proliferation of Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lake Region and the Horn of Africa

NAP National Action Plan

NatCom National Committee

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

NGO Non-Governmental Organisation

OAS Organisation of American States

OAU Organisation for African Unity

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OSCE Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe

P5 UN Security Council Permanent 5

Para Paragraph

PfP The NATO Partnership for Peace

PoA Programme of Action

PrepCom Preparatory Committee

RIP Regional Implementation Plan on SALW in SEE

SADC Southern African Development Community

SALW Small Arms and Light Weapons

SARPPCO Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organisation

SEE South Eastern Europe

SEESAC South Eastern Europe Clearing House for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons

UK United Kingdom

UN DDA UN Department for Disarmament Affairs

UN Firearms Protocol The Protocol Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime.

UN United Nations

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNIDIR The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

UN-LIREC UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Latin America and the Caribbean

USA United States of America