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## **Non-proliferation of Small arms and light weapons**

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A two-day meeting opened on 2nd October 2018 in Vienna, Austria. The focus of the discussion is on the effective approaches to non-proliferation of small arms and light weapons and on securing Stockpiles of conventional ammunition.

More than 120 representatives of OSCE participating States, Partners for Co-operation and other partnering organizations have met for the Biennial Meeting to Assess the Implementation

of the OSCE Documents on Small Arms and Light Weapons and Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition. Small Arms are: revolvers and self-loading pistols, rifles and carbines, sub-machine-guns, assault rifles, light machine-guns. On the other side Light Weapons are: heavy machine-guns, grenade launchers, recoilless rifles, portable launchers of anti-tank missile and rocket systems, portable launchers of anti-aircraft missile systems, mortars of calibres of less than 100 mm. Industrial production of SALW is around 95% of worldwide production. More than 1,000 companies in a hundred countries produce SALW. There are from 700,000 to 900,000 firearms produced each year and there's capacities to produce ammunition in around 80 countries.

Capacities to produce light weapons (or their components) are present in more than 60 countries.

Opening the meeting, Chairperson of the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation and Sweden's Permanent Representative to the OSCE Ambassador Ulrika Funered said that the issues of SALW proliferation and the stockpile management of conventional ammunition, explosive materials and detonating devices poses serious threats to safety and security in the OSCE region and globally. "Thousands of people are killed every year with Small arms and light weapons, leading to the deterioration of security, escalation of violence, economic slowdown and affect other factors constituting the framework for regional, national and individual security," she declared.

Nonetheless, it's reassuring to see continuing improvements in efforts to obtain data on the gender aspects of the problem and in mainstreaming gender in relation to SALW. "For too long have we been missing a comprehensive account and approach to the different effects of violence involving the use of Small arms and light weapons on women and men. Equal participation in security and proliferation analyses, negotiations and decision-making processes will increase the legitimacy, quality and effectiveness of our work," said Ambassador Funered.

Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, Ambassador Marcel Peško, further stressed innovative

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projects managed under the OSCE's Assistance Mechanism where participating States request support

and expertise on SALW-related measures.

"The OSCE works on 10 to 12 projects each year, with annual funding of around three million euros," he said. "Moreover, the demand for assistance is steadily growing. It is a sign of increased confidence in the OSCE's capability to provide effective and result-oriented support."

Most recently, an overarching project on strengthening OSCE action against the illicit proliferation of SALW and Stockpiles of conventional ammunition has been launched. This is designed to assist the OSCE participating States in more effective planning, implementing and strengthening of their work in the area of combating the illicit proliferation of weapons.

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