



Information on the Role of Focal Points appointed for the United Nations Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire (UN-IAFQ)

1. Background to UN-IAFQ

The United Nations Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire (UN-IAFQ) is a new global data collection initiative in the field of firearms trafficking, in line with resolution 8/3 "Strengthening the implementation of the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations" (herewith attached), adopted by Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime at its eighth session (17-21 October 2016). It aims to collect and analyze, on a regular basis, quantitative and qualitative information and suitably disaggregated data on trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition. The UN-IAFQ also collects data needed for indicator 16.4.2 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, for which UNODC is the custodian agency, jointly with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

2. Role of UN-IAFQ Focal Point

The UN-IAFQ Focal Point appointed by each Member State will act as the primary technical point of contact with UNODC regarding the compilation of the questionnaire to ensure, as far as possible, a timely, accurate and complete response. The UN-IAFQ Focal Point will preferably be a national institution, ministry, office or agency with responsibility in the production of statistical data related to seized, found and surrendered firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, as well as firearms trafficking and related offences. Very often the responsibility to generate such data is distributed among different agencies/ministries, such as the police, national ballistic and/or intelligence services and other institutions involved in firearms tracing, National Commissions or Focal Points on Small Arms and Light Weapons, where they exist, registrars within the judicial system, inter alia. It is therefore desirable that the UN-IAFQ Focal Point is an institution having the technical knowledge and competence to properly collect data from all relevant institutions, as well as the institutional role to ensure their cooperation. The Focal Point could be one of the institutions producing firearms trafficking related data or another institution, as for example the national statistical office, which is the national agency coordinating official statistics at country level.

3. Specific tasks to be performed

The following specific tasks will need to be performed by the Focal Point:

1. Fill out the questionnaire as appropriate with available data and distribute it to other relevant national authorities for completion of all sections, if needed. The UN-IAFQ questionnaire requires data from various national authorities / agencies, and it is crucial that all institutions are involved in the data collection process in order to ensure completeness and full coverage of the data.
2. Ensure that data from all national authorities are accurate, complete and consistent.
3. Liaise with the national authorities in the event of substantially missing data or when inaccuracies are identified.
4. Return the consolidated questionnaire to UNODC before the deadline and be the technical point of reference for communication with UNODC on issues related to data accuracy and consistency.
5. Act as the point of contact with UNODC regarding all aspects of the UN-IAFQ submitted by the Member State.

UN-IAFMQ Country Focal Point Contact Details

Please write in capital letters

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Details of Organization

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