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UNODC approach in supporting the collection and use of firearms data for operational purposes

Side Event

“From Data to Action – Using Firearms Data to Tailor Policies, Enhance Operational Capacities and Foster International Cooperation to Combat Firearms Trafficking”

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UNODC's Integrated Approach on Firearms



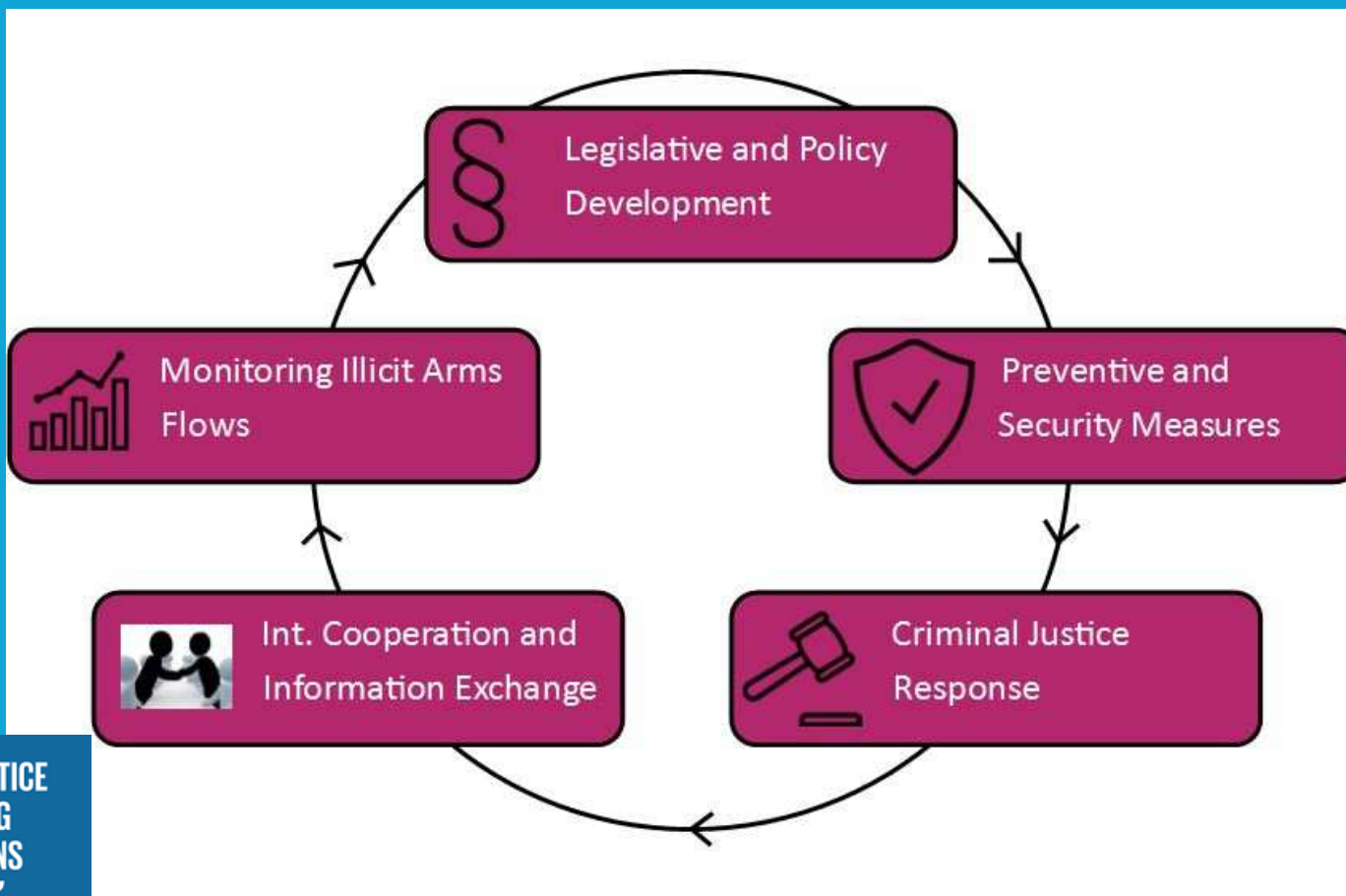
- **Created in 2011**
- **Objective:** To counter illicit arms trafficking and related serious and organized crime, and foster effective international cooperation and information exchange.
- **Global and Trans-regional dimension**
 - Since 2011
 - Latin America
 - West Africa & Sahel region
 - As of 2017:
 - Western Balkans
 - Sahel-Maghreb region
 - Panama

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16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



→ Contribution of all pillars to achieve and/or Monitor achievement towards SDG target 16.4



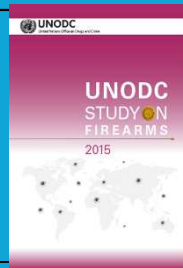
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UNODC's Data Collection Efforts on Firearms

2015

Publication of the first UNODC Study on Firearms



2017

EU-UNODC Project “Supporting Global Data Collection and Analysis on Firearms Trafficking and Fostering Cooperation and Information Sharing, in particular Among Countries along Major Trafficking Routes to/from the EU”

2010

UNODC mandated by COP to develop of Firearms Study (res. 5/4, 6/2)

2016

UNODC mandated by COP “to **continue to collect and analyse**, on a regular basis, quantitative and qualitative information and suitably disaggregated data on trafficking in **firearms, their parts and components and ammunition**” and to take into account **target 16.4** of the SDGs (res. 8/3)

Types of information collected



Refined Indicator 16.4.2

Proportion of **seized, found or surrendered** arms whose **illicit origin or context** has been **traced or established by a competent authority** in line with international instruments

More information includes, among others:

- **Information on seized, found and surrendered items**
(number of items and instances/ types/ weapons modifications/ manufacture/ geographical seizure context/ ground for seizure and related offences/ markings)
- **Information on tracing and tracing results**
(illicit origin of items/transfer points/international cooperation in tracing)



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More information includes, among others:

- **Additional information**
*(mode of transaction and shipment/ individuals involved/
Modus operandi and trends/ black market prices)*
- **Information on significant seizures**

What to do with the information?

Registration and Record-keeping

Informing and tailoring policies and action plans

Tracing → Identification of point of diversion

Information exchange to support a joint fight against illicit firearms trafficking

Identify, monitor and address illicit arms flows

Addressing points of diversion

- Strengthening control and regulatory measures
- Prosecuting offenders

How UNODC supports Member States in these efforts

- With support of Panama, development of **comprehensive record-keeping mechanism** (2017-2018)
- With support of the EU, project: “Supporting **Global Data Collection and Analysis** on Firearms Trafficking and **Fostering Cooperation and Information Sharing**, in particular Among Countries along Major Trafficking Routes to/from the EU” (2017 – 2019)

3 Pillars

Review data collection **methodology**, develop **tools** for data gathering, establish **regular data collection mechanism**

Awareness raising & technical assistance on data & information exchange, designation of national **focal points**

Mapping and monitoring of illicit arms flows, periodic **sharing** of findings, foster **information exchange**



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HOW UNODC supports Member States in these efforts

- With the support of Denmark, the EU, Germany, Japan and Sweden (since 2011 and ongoing):
 - Supporting the drafting of **national firearms legislation**, including relevant offences;
 - Supporting preventive and control measures such as **marking and registration** of firearms, enhancing **security of storage sites** for firearms and ammunition, supporting weapons **collection and destruction** campaigns;
 - Training law enforcement officers on **investigating and prosecuting** firearms trafficking and related offences;
 - Fostering **information exchange** through **group of practitioners** and **compilation of firearms related cases**
 - Supporting direct **operational information exchange and cooperation on real cases** (cooperation with INTERPOL, EMPACT)
 - Support **standardized collection and analysis** of firearms data at national and international level

Thank you!

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