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→ Addressing illicit **FINANCIAL** and **ARMS** flows as crosscutting element of organized crime.
Target 16.4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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**Achieving the Target**

→ International firearms framework provides important basis (Firearms Protocol, ATT and UNPoA/ ITI)

**Monitoring the Achievement**

→ Indicator 16.4.2 (A/RES/71/313)
Objective: Countering illicit arms trafficking and related crimes, through implementation of UNTOC and the Firearms Protocol and 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
- Panama

- Doha Declaration (E4J) Firearms component
Achieving Target 16.4
– The UNODC Perspective
Considerations for developing an indicator:

→ No baseline on illicit arms flows
→ How to interpret an increase or decrease of detected illicit arms flows?

Solution:
Measuring the **effectiveness of States** in identifying the source of illicit or diverted weapons as key element in preventing and combatting illicit arms flows.

→ Indicator 16.4.2: “Proportion of **seized, found and surrendered arms** whose illicit origin or context has been traced or established by a competent authority in line with international instruments.”
• UNODC and UNODA are co-custodians for indicator 16.4.2

• Agreement that **UNODC will lead** in developing annual 16.4.2 data collection, data processing, and submission to the Statistical Commission. **UNODA will enrich that process** with complementary biennial data collected under the PoA/ITI process.

→ For more information: **Joint Non-Paper** on SDG indicator 16.4.2. presented to RevCon3 which can be downloaded at the RevCon3 webpage (see “Working Papers”)

UNODC Support to Monitoring Indicator 16.4.2

Integrated approach that helps to translate firearms data into concrete action:

- **Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire** - Collects standardized and comparable data on seized, found and surrendered arms
- **Capacity building & Tools** – Template for in the field data collection – Data aggregation tool
- **Advocacy for evidence based policy and operational decision making** – National and regional studies

The project is funded by the European Union.
The UN Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire

- **Global exercise** that is not linked to reviewing the implementation of the Firearms Protocol
- **Dual purpose:**
  - Collecting data for indicator 16.4.2
  - Identifying firearms trafficking trends and patterns (UNTOC-COP resolution 8/3)
Content of the Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire

- Amount, type, condition, geographical and criminal context, tracing results, trafficking routes, trends and modalities of seized firearms,
- Criminal justice response to illicit firearms trafficking;
- Found and surrendered firearms, particularly for reporting under the SDGs;
- Seized parts and components and ammunition; and
- Metadata to facilitate interpretation of the data.

Dissemination Strategy → Through National Focal Points

Timeline → The IAFQ was sent to all MS on 14 June 2018
All Member States are invited and encouraged to participate in this important exercise.
Additional means to monitor the reduction of illicit arms flows

Scenario A

Criminal Activities → Investigation → Conviction → Investigation stops

Arms Seizure → Tracing (Origin) → Arms trafficking

Arms flow continues

Scenario B

Criminal Activities → Investigation → Conviction → Investigation continues

Arms Seizure → Tracing (Origin) → Arms trafficking

Arms flow stops
Digest of Illicit Firearms Cases

Overall purpose: To illustrate good practices in dealing with firearms offenses from an investigative/prosecutorial and criminal justice perspective and, in doing so, to promote the practical implementation of the Firearms Protocol.

Scope: Judicial cases involving the illicit trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, also in the context of other forms of organized crime and terrorism.
Thank you!

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