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**Fighting Illicit Trafficking of Firearms and
Monitoring SDG16.4:
From Data Collection to Effective Action**

**Side Event to RevCon3
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Firearms Trafficking – A Complex Crime



Human Trafficking



Violent Crime



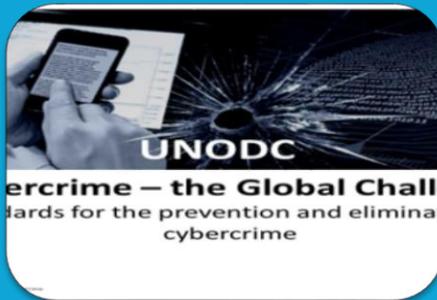
Firearms Trafficking



Drug Trafficking



Terrorism



Cybercrime



Piracy



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Target 16.4

By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime

→ Addressing illicit **FINANCIAL** and **ARMS** flows as crosscutting element of organized crime

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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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

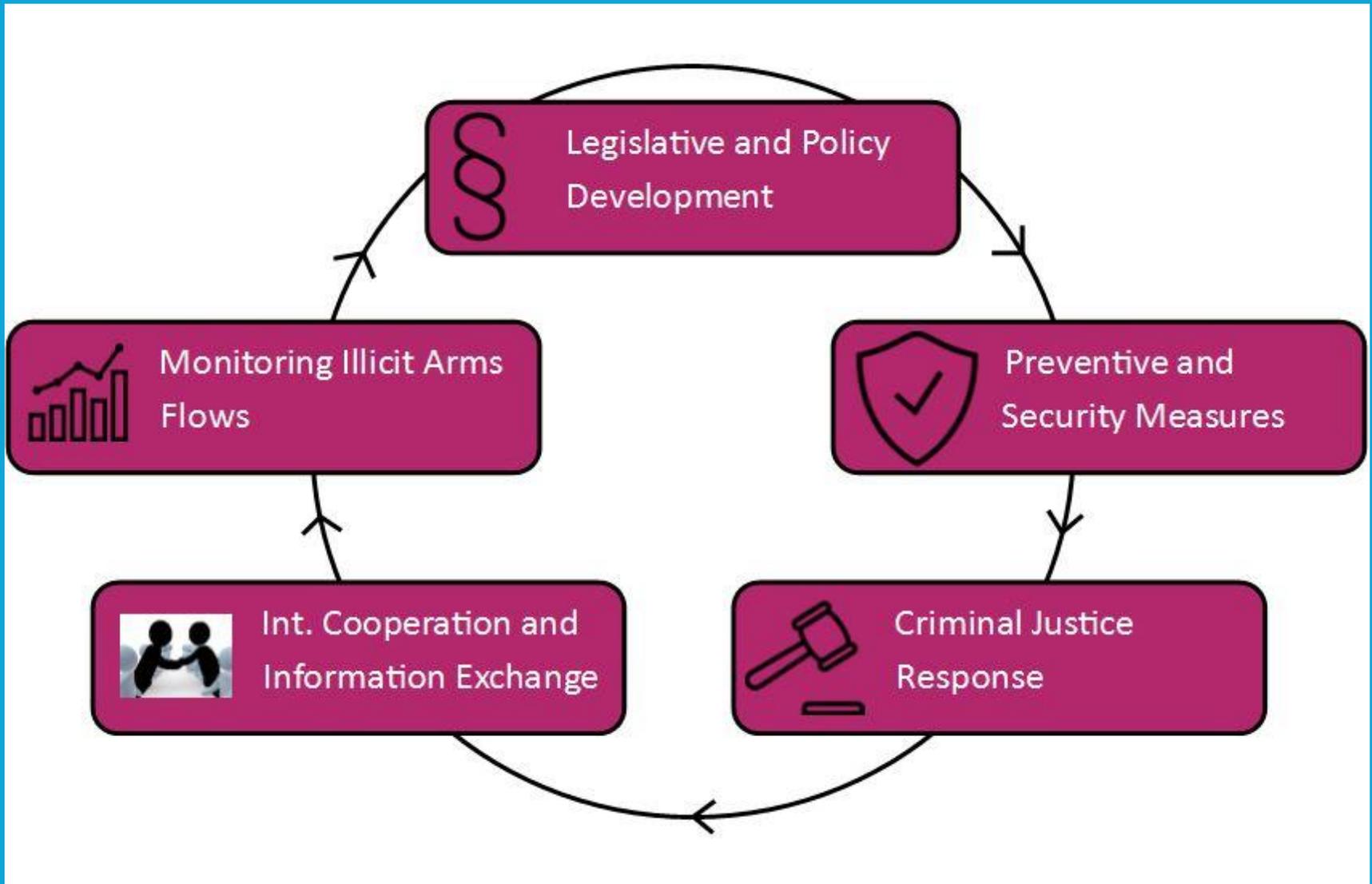
- Latin America
- West Africa & Sahel region

As of 2017:

- Western Balkans
- Sahel-Maghreb
- Panama
- Doha Declaration (E4J) Firearms component

Donors





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:

Data Collection and
Analysis

Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire - Collects standardized and comparable data on seized, found and surrendered arms

Technical Assistance

Capacity building & Tools – Template for in the field data collection – Data aggregation tool

Champion Country
Initiative

Advocacy for evidence based policy and operational decision making – National and regional studies

The UN Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire

Questionnaire translated ENGLISH - Microsoft Excel

ILLICIT ARMS FLOWS QUESTIONNAIRE - DATA FILE

Report of the Government of:

Reporting Year:

Completed on (date):

The completed Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire is due on:

For technical support related to the completion of the questionnaire, please contact:

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Introduction

The lack of an international system for standardized reporting on the scale, technologies, routes and methods of illicit trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition is a major barrier to more effective international cooperation and the identification of global trafficking trends and patterns. With a view to addressing this barrier, UNODC has been mandated by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its supplementing Protocols at its seventh and eighth sessions, 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. The present data collection questionnaire was developed pursuant to this mandate by UNODC, in close consultation and cooperation with Member States and relevant United Nations offices and research institutes, to be distributed annually to all Member States to gather firearms related data in a uniform and standardized manner. This annual data collection will help follow the illicit trafficking flows through the years, enhance information exchange and cooperation, and guide Member States actions to reduce illicit arms flows on their territories and regions. By aligning the questionnaire with target 16.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals and its 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"), the present questionnaire also

START HERE / INSTRUCTIONS / RESPONDENTS / 1 - Arms seizures / 2 - Criminal context / 3 - Geographical information / 4 - Found and surrel

- **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

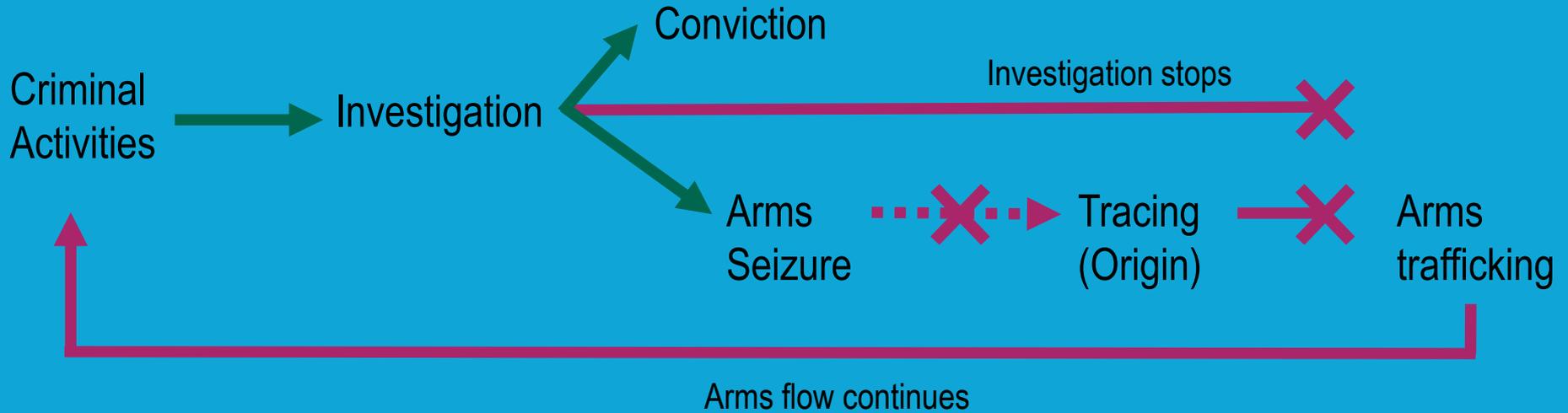
- Amount, type, condition, geographical and criminal context, tracing results, trafficking routes, trends and modalities of seized firearms,
- Criminal justice response to illicit firearms trafficking;
- Found and surrendered firearms, particularly for reporting under the SDGs;
- Seized parts and components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

Dissemination Strategy → Through **National Focal Points**

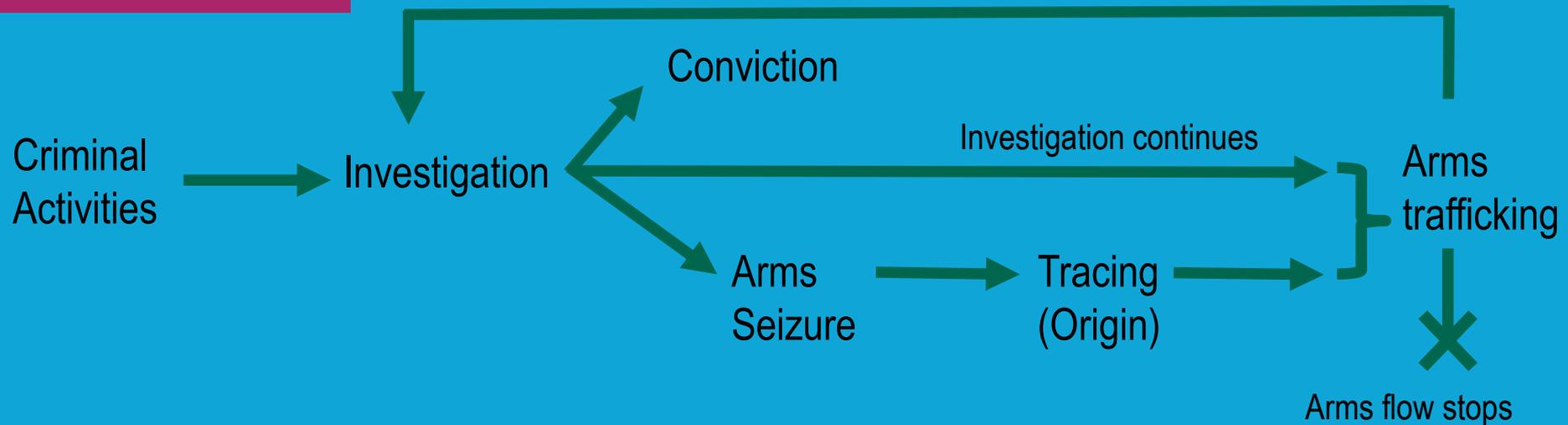
Timeline → The IAFQ was sent to all MS on 14 June 2018
All Member States are invited and encouraged to participate in this important exercise.

Additional means to monitor the reduction of illicit arms flows

Scenario A



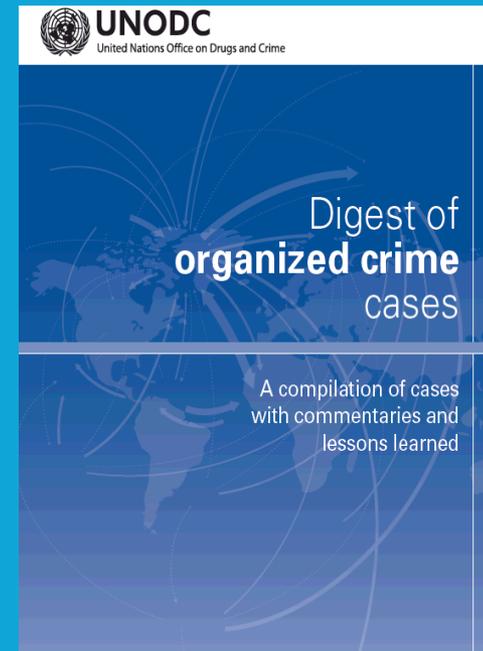
Scenario B



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.





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Thank you!

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