

Constructive Dialogue on the UNTOC and Protocols' review process following the conclusion of the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Firearms

Friday, 5 April 2024
10 AM – 1 PM; 3 PM – 6 PM (CEST)

Hybrid format

(VIC Boardroom D and online participation through Microsoft Teams)

PROGRAMME

I. Opening of the meeting

- The Chair of the Working Group will deliver introductory remarks

II. Briefing on the developments and outcomes of the review process

- The Secretariat will provide an overview of the current status of the review process and present on the support provided to the UNTOC Review Mechanism
- Interventions and/or questions from non-governmental stakeholders on the review process

III. Spotlight on the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Firearms

- The Chair will brief participants about the developments and outcomes of the [11th meeting of the Working Group on Firearms](#)
- Panel discussions to unpack the substantive topics:

Panel 1: Operationalizing the Firearms Protocol in view of technological developments relating to the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

Followed by a Q&A session and collection of inputs on related activities

Panel 2: Implementation of article 5 (Criminalization) of the Firearms Protocol

Followed by a Q&A session and collection of inputs on related activities

IV. Interactive exchange on relevant activities of non-governmental stakeholders

- Tour-de-table with interventions and contributions from stakeholders with a specific focus on three standing agenda items:
 - ❖ Role of non-governmental stakeholders in the universalization and implementation of the Firearms Protocol

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

How can non-governmental stakeholders contribute to the universalization of the Firearms Protocol?

How can cooperation between governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector, be improved to support more effective implementation of the Firearms Protocol?

What are the challenges and opportunities for non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector, in engaging with States parties to enable stronger implementation of the Firearms Protocol?

- ❖ States parties' technical assistance needs and non-governmental stakeholders' engagement/participation

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

In what areas of implementation of the Firearms Protocol should States parties and UNODC expand the engagement and participation of non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector?

What are promising formats to ensure the meaningful participation and engagement of non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector, in the implementation of the Firearms Protocol.

In what areas of the Firearms Protocol see non-governmental stakeholders the need for expanded technical assistance to States parties?

- ❖ Gender, youth, human rights and victim-centred approaches to prevent and counter the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

How do gender dimensions and age factors influence the dynamics of firearms trafficking, and how should they shape national response strategies?

What role can youth play in countering firearms trafficking, and how can governments and other stakeholders better engage them in these efforts?

What do human rights-based and victim-centred approaches to countering firearms trafficking look like, and what are their potential benefits and challenges?

V. Closing of the meeting

- The Chair of the Working Group will deliver concluding remarks