

**CONSULTATION ON
THE UNODC GLOBAL STRATEGY ON ILLICIT FIREARMS AND
INTERCONNECTED THREATS
2023-2030**



Context

Building on 22 years of the Firearms Protocol implementation, this consultation will focus on the transversal nature and the pivotal role that firearms can play in contributing to or aggravating existing security challenges, and their spill-over risks to surrounding regions and how the Civil society and the private sector can contribute to global effort toward the achievement of SDG 16.4.

In advance of the official launch of the Strategy, the consultation will present the current work undertaken by UNODC to shape its new strategy against illicit firearms and its links to other crimes, that aims at better embedding the problem of illicit firearms in the reality of countries on the ground. Following the general presentation, a discussion will be held with the Permanent Representations present in the room aiming at focusing on the Strategy's priority areas.

The meeting will serve as a last opportunity for Member States to share their views on the vision UNODC should promote and on the transformative approach it should adopt in its work as guardian of the United Nations' Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition for the next 7 years.

Overview and format

UNODC FTS will be responsible for the organization and coordination of the consultation. The consultation will be conducted in cooperation with the interested Permanent Missions that want to play a role in supporting the implementation of the UNODC Global Strategy on Illicit Firearms and Interconnected Threats 2023-2030.

The consultation which will be held on 4th May 2023 in the margin of the Firearms Working Group, and will be conducted in English and no interpretation will be provided.

Proposed agenda:

AGENDA Thursday 4th May 2023 (all times are CET, Vienna), 9:00am – 10:00am	
9:00-9:05	Welcoming remarks
9:05 – 9:20	General Presentation of the UNODC Global Strategy on illicit firearms and interconnected threats 2023-2030: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simonetta Grassi, Chief, Firearms Trafficking Section (FTS), UNODC • FTS staff
9:20-9:50	Q&A and discussion with participants on the added value and the role that a global strategy on illicit firearms can play at national, regional and international level. Moderator: TBC
9:50-10:00	Wrap up and next steps Simonetta Grassi, Chief, Firearms Trafficking Section, UNODC