

Enhancing Papua New Guinea's Arms Control System

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OUTCOME DOCUMENT

Recognising the fundamental principles of the UN Charter

Emphasising the contribution of Papua New Guinea as an active and engaged member of the United Nations

Concerned about the illicit craft manufacture, transfer and circulation of small arms and light weapons, which poses a serious threat to peace, safety, security, stability and sustainable development.

Determined to reduce human suffering caused by the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects

Recognising that the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects sustains conflicts, exacerbates violence, undermines respect for international humanitarian law, and fuels crime

Recognising the link between small arms accumulation and UN Resolution 1325 on gender and security

Concerned by arms flows between bordering nations and acknowledging that this is a global and regional issue which should be addressed for strengthened cross border collaboration

Reaffirming our respect for and commitment to international law and the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations

Noting the challenges faced in curbing the flows of illicit small arms and light weapons

The workshop recommends the following actions:

I. UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (UNPoA)

- (i) Review and address the legislative gaps in view of the provisions outlined under the UNPoA, with a particularly focus on amending the Firearms Act with provisions on manufacturing and new legislation relating to brokering with the next 2-3 years;
- (ii) Clearly identify, in a formal process, the Focal Point on the UNPoA and the ATT;
- (iii) To inform the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs of the nominated focal point of contact and a liaison officer who will be responsible for coordinating issues relating to UNPoA;
- (iv) Resolve to collectively address the identified capacity needs and challenges relating to UNPoA implementation and reporting through collaborative means;

- (v) Officials from the following agencies - Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Justice and Attorney General, Department of Defence, Department of Transport, Police, PNG Immigration, Correctional Services, and Customs to assist the focal point in the preparation of a UNPoA report;
- (vi) Develop a defined reporting process to streamline Papua New Guinea reporting process to the UN on the UNPoA and ATT, including nominating the focal point as responsible coordinating person to collect information from relevant agencies for timely reporting;
- (vii) Review and identify further areas for capacity building, enforcement challenges, including requirements for technical and policy assistance such as legislative review, expanding manufacture legislation, brokering legislation, international cooperation, policy drafting and training on UNPoA standards and ATT provisions and on new technologies for marking, and tracing.

II. Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)

7. The workshop recommends the following:
- (i) Continue with nation-wide consultations on the ATT involving all stakeholders;
 - (ii) Continue awareness raising at the national level on UNPoA and ATT;
 - (iii) Consider new legislation or legislative amendments in relation to the ATT;
 - (iv) Seek cabinet approval to take necessary steps to accede to the Arms Trade Treaty;
 - (v) Engage with relevant stakeholders and partners, including civil society, on the UNPoA and ATT;
 - (vi) Create an ATT and UNPoA working committee comprised of the Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Justice and Attorney General, Department of Defence, Department of Transport, Police, PNG Immigration, Correctional Services, and Customs and those responsible for overseeing the review of the ATT process;
 - (vii) Sharing and create dialogue for NGO stakeholders;
 - (viii) Recommend participation of Papua New Guinea at relevant UN international disarmament and arms control meetings such as the UNPoA 2018 Review Conference and the annual Conference of States Parties for the Arms Trade Treaty.

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