

## **DEPARTMENT FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS (DDA)**

### **Support to NEPAD**

#### **Period of Report: 2004 - 2005**

The Department for Disarmament Affairs (DDA) has extended support to NEPAD through the activities of its Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa. These activities include conferences, seminars, training programmes, weapons collection programmes, institutional capacity-building and research studies aimed at promoting peace and security through disarmament, arms limitation and confidence-building measures. Through these activities, the Department has contributed to the creation of an environment conducive to promoting development in the region.

In addition, DDA has been providing direct financial and technical assistance to several African countries – Cameroon, Kenya, Niger, Sierra Leone – upon their request in addressing the problem of the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons.