
PROJECT:	THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT SYSTEM (POA-ISS)
Disarmament focus:	Small Arms
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Proposed timeframe:	March 2009 – February 2011 (ongoing, 2-year project)
Geographical focus:	Global

BACKGROUND

At the Biennial Meeting of States, governments welcomed the Programme of Action Implementation Support System (PoA-ISS) as a useful tool that provides a framework to support the implementation of the Programme of Action. They did so in interventions and in the outcome document.¹ The PoA-ISS is an easy-to-access, web-based system that aims to provide an essential set of tools for States, international and regional organizations as well as civil society to apply in their implementation of the PoA.

The PoA-ISS brings together basic documentation (e.g., national reports on the PoA), value-added information such as best practices, clearing-house functions (e.g. project proposals and lists of contacts), training modules and other features that can facilitate information exchange and the pooling of resources. The PoA-ISS also features the “Small Arms Advisory Network”, which is an online community of practice for all the stakeholders of the PoA, in particular national points of contact. The Network has been functioning as a forum to seek and provide advice on the implementation of the PoA.

The continuous maintenance of the system and its regular updating are important conditions for the preservation of the system’s usefulness. It is also critical that the system, which is designed to be dynamic, undergoes periodic upgrading of components and technical features. At this stage it is ready for the addition of a component that will facilitate the matching of PoA implementation needs with available resources. This would be accomplished by strengthening functions of the existing International Assistance section of the PoA-ISS and potentially integrating a facility being developed by other UN partners into the PoA-ISS.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure the continuous maintenance of the PoA-ISS as a “one-stop shop” for implementation of the PoA at the national, regional and global levels;
- To integrate the system for matching PoA implementation needs with available resources; and
- To operate and expand an online community of practice, the Small Arms Advisory Network.

¹ A/CONF.192/BMS/2008/3 paragraphs 2, 3 and 7(k)

CONTENT AND DESIGN

A new component would be added to the PoA-ISS to facilitate the matching of PoA implementation needs with resources available. Information would be provided on what types and forms of international assistance would be needed for the effective implementation of the PoA, including the International Tracing Instrument, and on the resources that are available to support such implementation. This information could include information on donors, specific funds and programmes available, requirements for accessing those funds and programmes and other similar information. It is foreseen that this component will form the basis for informal meetings of interested states in New York, to discuss progress and to achieve efficient and coordinated coverage of such projects.

Furthermore, the continuous operation of the PoA-ISS will require consistent maintenance by a project coordinator and [two] consultants.

IMPACT

- Improved and reliable information on PoA implementation needs, presented in a user-friendly format;
- Improved and reliable information on available resources;
- More focused assistance due to availability of more and better information on needs;
- Reduced duplication of efforts;
- Enhanced possibilities for exploring synergies.

BENEFICIARIES

Member States, the United Nations, regional and sub-regional organizations and civil society organizations. A more effective implementation of the PoA will ultimately benefit entire societies and regions that are currently affected by the scourge of illicit SALW.

PARTNERS

UNODA, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), other members of the UN Coordinating Action on Small Arms (CASA) mechanism, interested Member States, and various civil society organizations.

	IN US\$
• Project Personnel	407,600
• Operations and Implementation Costs	112,000
• Programme Support Cost	67,548
TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED	587,148

TOTAL SECURED FUNDING	(175,000)
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FUNDING GAP	412,148
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