



RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

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**MINISTÈRE
DE L'EUROPE ET DES AFFAIRES
ÉTRANGÈRES**

Excellency,

I am writing in my capacity as President-designate of the Third United Nations Review Conference of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects (RevCon3).

France's recently held presidential election has led to some changes in our diplomatic network. As part of these changes, I have been named ambassador of France to Romania, which means I am no longer able to fulfill my duties as president-designate of the UN Programme of Action's Third Review Conference. My successor as ambassador at large in on transnational criminal threats will take over my role as president-designate of RevCon3.

It was an honor to serve in this capacity and to work with your delegation. I wish to sincerely thank members of national delegations and the team of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, as well as civil society, for their work and dedication to the PoA process.

I wish you the very best in the upcoming preparations for RevCon3. My successor will take over my posting shortly and make sure to pursue the preparatory process in the same spirit of inclusion, openness and transparency. No change is to be expected to the previously announced schedule.

France's commitment to the presidency of the PoA remains total. Our new minister, the teams at the ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and the relevant French administrations are all committed to fighting the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons in all its aspects and make RevCon3 a success. They are at your disposal to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador Michèle RAMIS

President-designate of the Third Review Conference
of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons