



RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

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

Excellency,

I am pleased to write to you for the first time in my capacity as the new President-designate of the third Review Conference to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (RevCon3), in replacement of Ambassador Michèle Ramis, who has been appointed to other duties.

It is an honor for me to follow Ambassador Ramis in these functions, and I look forward to working with your delegation. Allow me to assure you of the French Government's continued commitment to ensuring a smooth transition and a robust, transparent and inclusive preparatory process to lead to a productive RevCon3 in June 2018.

As a follow up to our letter dated 2 June 2017, transmitting a draft outline of elements for an outcome document, it is my pleasure to invite your delegation to a session of open informal consultations in Geneva, on 12 September 2017, from 8:30 to 9:45 A.M, in the Council Chamber of the Palais des Nations.

The objective of these consultations, following the previous ones held in January and March of this year, is to continue to exchange views on both procedural and substantive matters of RevCon3. In particular, our discussion will include a first review of the elements of an outcome documents that were annexed to the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 letter of the President-designate (attached).

Another session of informal consultations will be held in New York shortly, for which a separate invitation will be sent.

I look forward to working with you all in our joint efforts towards a successful review conference of the Programme of Action on SALW in 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Jean-Claude BRUNET  
Ambassador-at-large

President-designate of the third Review Conference

**To All:**

**Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the United Nations – Geneva**