

Indonesian intervention on behalf of NAM

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Exchange of views on progress and problems in the implementation of the Programme of Action with specific emphasis on international cooperation and assistance and best practices of small arms and light weapons projects,

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- We acknowledge that there is a substantial increase in the availability of international assistance to support the implementation of the PoA in the last five years.
- The recent study by UNIDIR have found that some USD 630 million of assistance was provided since the adoption of the PoA in 2001.
- However, the level and the amount of assistance is still insufficient to help affected countries taking into account the magnitude and complexity of the problem of illicit trade of SALW and the danger that it continues to pose.
- In this context we identify some issues and problems with regard to international assistance which need to be addressed and discussed at the Conference:
 - Each country and region should develop its own plan of action or programmes of work to implement the PoA, and then identify priority areas where they need assistance;
 - Donor countries, relevant international and regional organizations need to address problems concerning their own capacity to provide appropriate assistance for all aspects of the PoA;
 - There is a continuing problem with matching the required needs of affected countries with available assistance, and donor coordination.