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Expert Seminar

Monitoring Illicit Arms Flows: Sanctions, Networks and Capacity Building

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Tuesday 28 August 2012

09:00-09:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09:30-09:40 WELCOME ADDRESS

Ambassador Mårten Grunditz, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
general introduction to arms trafficking concerns and the critical role of sanctions monitoring

09:40-09:50 THE EU INITIATIVE TO COUNTER ARMS TRAFFICKING VIA AIR AND SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

Ioannis Vrailas, European External Action Service (EEAS)
comments on the EU action on arms trafficking via air and the EU's wider goals on illicit trafficking of SALW

09:50-10:20 INFORMATION-SHARING AS A TOOL FOR INVESTIGATIONS

Alex Vines, Chatham House, Former Côte D'ivoire and Liberia Group of Experts
information-sharing and UN embargo violation investigations: examples of best practice

10.20-12.15 NEW INFORMATION-SHARING APPROACHES & MECHANISMS

Hugh Griffiths, SIPRI
Information-sharing and risk assessment software for monitoring suspect actors & flights

Guus Ottenhof, Soviet Air Transports
an introduction to aircraft monitoring and an overview of past collaborative cases involving UN sanctions monitoring groups, government officials & researchers

Anthony Leggat, Eurocontrol
eurocontrol collaboration with UN sanctions monitoring groups: presenting the results of specific cases

David Biggs, United Nations
developments in information sharing, external cooperation and the potential for enhancing coordination in the future

12:30-14:30 LUNCH/MARITIME SIDE EVENT

Illicit Trafficking & Containerization: Countering a Global Threat

1430-16:10 INFORMAL NETWORKING, FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

MODERATOR: PROFESSOR GEORGE LOPEZ, KROC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES, FORMER MEMBER OF DPRK GROUP OF EXPERTS

Jonah Leff, Small Arms Survey, former Sudan and Somalia Group of experts
tracking evidence in south sudan: ammunition flows, supply chains and regional alliances - the product of collaborative research techniques

Holger Anders, UNOCI, former Sudan Group of experts
tracking ammunition in Côte d'Ivoire: making the link to research findings in sudan

Chris Chivers, New York Times Correspondent and Arms Expert
presentation of various cases from afghanistan, libya and somalia: highlighting the need for information-sharing and networked investigations

James Bevan, Conflict Armament Research Former Côte d'Ivoire Group of Experts
the requirement for information sharing at the global level: cases from iraq, côte d'ivoire, kenya, nigeria, uganda and sudan with a common thread. presentation of itrace

16.10-16.20: COFFEE

16.20-17.30 OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES IN THE FIELD & HEADQUARTERS

MODERATOR: ASHLEY ORBACH, U.S DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Savannah de Tessières, Libya Group of Experts
the difficulties of operating in the libyan context, building informal networks and cross-country cooperation between expert groups

Mark Bromley, SIPRI
enchancing salw transfer security: how sanctions monitoring groups can mitigate the challenges posed by salw transfers to fragile states undergoing security sector reform (SSR)

Sana Khan, United Nations
challenges faced by the secretariat in running sanctions monitoring teams, including evolving political and budgetary constraints and ways forward

17:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Wednesday 29 August 2012

09.00-09.30 COFFEE SERVED

09:30-09:35 INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND DAY

Hugh Griffiths, SIPRI

09.35-11.00 AIR TRAFFICKING: SANCTIONS MONITORING & INFORMATION-SHARING

MODERATOR: CAROLIN THIELKING, EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE (EEAS)

Michael Lewis, Former Sudan Panel of Experts
an introduction to the scope of sanctions monitoring (and methods), with a specific emphasis on sanctions monitoring in the context of air trafficking.

Aurélien Llorca, UN Somalia & Eritrea Monitoring Group
overview of the ramadan offensive flights and limitations imposed on the work of sanctions monitoring groups

Edin Omanovic, SIPRI
overflight control & denial: mechanisms for stemming destabilizing arms transfers via air

11.00-12.15 RECENT CASES OF TRANS-AFRICAN TRAFFICKING

Raymond Debelle, Cote D'ivoire Group of Experts

James Bevan, Conflict Armament Research, Former Côte D'ivoire Group of Experts

12:30-14:30 LUNCH/MARITIME SIDE EVENT

The Offshore Economy: Challenges to Counter Proliferation Initiatives

14.30-16:20 PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND COORDINATION WITH MONITORING GROUPS

MODERATOR: PATRICK LE MENES, FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN & EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

George A. Lopez, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Former Member of DPRK Group of Experts
introduction to cooperation between groups of experts and peacekeeping operations, with a focus on enhancing coordination

Holger Anders, UNOCI IEMU and Former Sudan Panel of Experts
UNOCI's integrated embargo cell and sanctions monitoring within a UN peacekeeping mission—challenges, constraints and cooperation with groups of experts

Marie Plamadiala, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Group of Experts
Field investigations in the Democratic Republic of Congo & peacekeeping responses to embargo monitoring mandates

16.20-16.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30-17.30: BUILDING THE EXPERT NETWORK: ADDIS ABABA & BEYOND

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