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Small Arms Survey**

**"Towards measuring organised crime and illicit trafficking
of firearms: challenges and pitfalls"**

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Background:

In September 2015 heads of state will gather at the United Nations for their annual summit, this year dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the frame called to replace the current Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). A working draft of the proposed SDGs includes 17 goals and 169 targets. Among them, Goal 16 deals with promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. Among the targets under Goal 16, target nr 4 states: "by 2030 significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen recovery and return of stolen assets, and combat all forms of organized crime".

The event will present key results from recent studies by Transcrime and will allow for a discussion around measuring organised crime (OC) and illicit trafficking of firearms. Using the examples of drugs and tobacco trafficking, Professor Ernesto Savona, director of Transcrime (see bio below), will illustrate challenges and pitfalls related to measuring organised crime. The question of measurability is at the center of the debates around the SDGs as well as the heart of the Geneva Declaration. Furthermore, creating a valid measurement of OC has important policy implications at all levels, since valid indicators may improve the effectiveness of government and enforcement actions.

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