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Recommendations and best practices

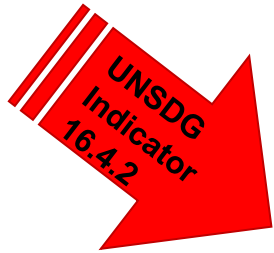


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Firearms Policy Cycle

Legislative and policy development



Adequate and updated policy and legal frameworks

- Criminalization of illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms and obliteration of markings
- Enable seizures and confiscations

Monitoring illicit arms flows

- Collection and analysis of firearms seizure data

Criminal investigation

- Retrieving evidence about firearm diversion
- Prosecuting offenders

Tracing

- Against domestic and foreign registries
- International cooperation

Seizures

- Recording of all seizures

Marking

- For unique identification
- Marking at time of manufacturing and import

Recordkeeping

- National registries on firearms
- Records kept at least 10 years

Transfer control

- Prevent illicit trafficking and diversion

Stockpile management

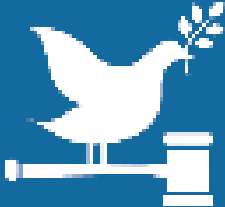
- Prevent diversion
- Security and safety of firearms and ammunition stocks

Criminal justice response

Preventive measures

2015 UN Sustainable Development Goals

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



GOAL 16

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



- **16.4** By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime

Indicator 16.4.2

~~Percentage of seized small arms and light weapons that are recorded and traced in accordance with international standards and legal instruments~~



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New proposed indicator:

- *Proportion of seized, found or surrendered arms, whose illicit origin / context has been traced / established by a competent authority in line with international instruments*



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Recommendations...

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against Transnational
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Other recommendations

3. *Calls upon* [...] to ensure that their legal frameworks and relevant measures adequately **address the criminal exploitation of new forms of international commerce such as online trade in firearms**, their parts and components and ammunition, with a view to reducing their illicit trafficking;

13. *Calls upon* States parties to systematically **collect, record and analyse data**, including tracing data on **recovered, seized, confiscated, collected and found firearms suspected of being involved in an illicit activity**, with a view to identifying their origin and detecting possible forms of illicit trafficking, as well as to use tracing results to **conduct in-depth criminal investigations on firearms trafficking**, [...];

14. Encourages States parties to provide one another **the broadest possible cooperation in tracing** firearms [...] including by responding [...] to international cooperation requests relating to tracing and criminal investigations, and in this regard, **to consider making use of existing tracing or facilitation mechanisms**, including, as appropriate, the Organized Crime Convention and its **Firearms Protocol**, and **INTEPOL's iArms**;



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Other recommendations (cont.)

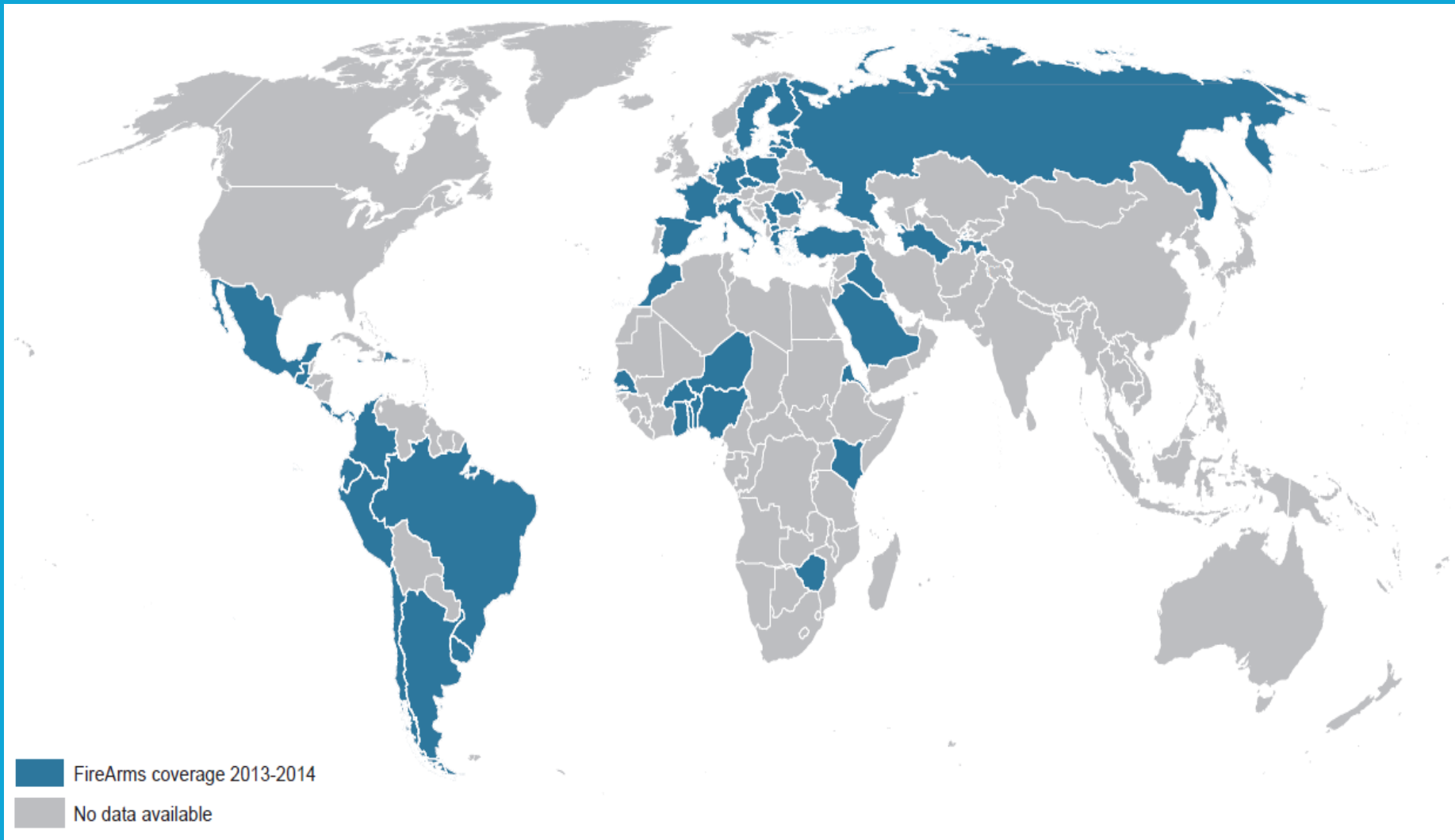
23. *Invites States parties to exchange experiences and information on the illicit manufacture of firearms employing advanced technology that could be used by transnational organized criminal groups;*



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Firearms Study country coverage 2010-2013





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Czech Republic

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Finland

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Moldova

Montenegro

Netherlands

Poland

Romania

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Spain

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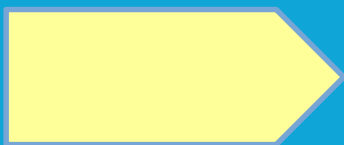
Macedonia

Turkey



Upcoming activities

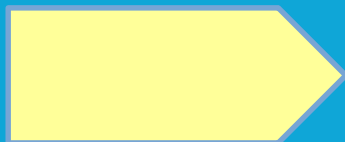
- Supporting data collection and analysis



Monitoring and mapping illicit firearms trafficking flows



Fostering effective cooperation in tracing and information sharing



Preventing and combating illicit trafficking and related forms of organized crime



Objectives (cont.)

- Establish an ongoing data collection mechanism based on an internationally agreed methodology and best practices
- Contribute to achieving and monitoring target 16.4 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda



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Thank you!

Questions?

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