



**KENYA'S STATEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT TO ENABLE STATES TO IDENTIFY AND TRACE IN A TIMELY AND RELIABLE MANNER, ILLICIT SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010**

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H. E. The President,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Kenya being a signatory to the Nairobi Protocol has an obligation to ensure that it abides by the provisions of the Nairobi Protocol and the Best Practice Guidelines.

Article 1 of the Nairobi Protocol and Cap 1, 1.3 of the Best Practice Guidelines, require that states in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa, mark all the small arms and light weapons in state possession at the time of manufacture with a unique marking, providing the name of the manufacturer, the country or place of manufacture and the serial number. The marking should be stamped on the barrel, frame and where applicable on the slide. All small arms and light weapons owned by the state will in addition, be marked with a \* (star) preceding the ISO country code for example \*KE in the case of Kenya.

Countries in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa are required to have marked all state owned small arms and light weapons by the end of the year, 2011

Kenya alongside other RECSA Member States have been trained and this cascaded to the national level where 10 officers in the law enforcement agencies to undertake the arms marking process country.

Under the auspices and funding by RECSA, Kenya government has received 2 MCCouth 2000 arms marking machines. The machines have facilitated marking of state owned firearms by Kenya Police and Department of Defense. Plans are underway to acquire more machines to fast track the process and finalize it by end of 2011. Further to this computers for storage of data have also been availed for this process. So far more than 20,000 firearms have been marked.

The government has also acquired software for standardized registration of brokers in SALW. This will also enhance traceability of SALW emanating from the brokers. Noteworthy all state owned firearms that have been marked in light of Nairobi Protocol and the International Tracing Instrument. The approved method of marking is by stamping.

It is important to note that Kenya has in place a Central Firearms Bureau (CFB) which currently maintains a register of all small arms and light weapons in licensed civilian possession.

Upon the approval and enactment of the National Policy on SALW, the Central Firearms Bureau shall be computerized to maintain database of all state owned small arms and light weapons.

The Draft National Policy on Small Arms and Light Weapons proposes for the review of Legislation, Regulations and Administrative Procedures hence ensure the effective implementation of the International Tracing Instrument.

While the government is committed to realize its target by marking all state owned firearms, it calls upon the international community to support in acquisition of addition machines for the process to be completed accordingly.

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