

**MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE MÉXICO**

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**Excelentísimo
Señor Sergio Duarte,
Alto Representante para Asuntos de Desarme
de las Naciones Unidas.**

Tengo el honor de referirme a la Cuarta Reunión Bienal de Estados para Examinar la Aplicación Nacional, Regional y Mundial del Programa de Acción para prevenir, combatir y erradicar el comercio ilícito de armas pequeñas y ligeras en todos sus aspectos, a celebrarse en Nueva York del 14 al 18 junio de 2010. Sobre el particular, y en seguimiento a nuestra nota ONU-00995 del 22 de marzo, me permito remitir la segunda carta que dirigió el pasado 7 de mayo el Presidente designado, Embajador Pablo Macedo, a todos los Estados Miembros de la Organización sobre el avance de sus consultas relacionadas con dicha reunión.

Mucho le agradeceré que dicha carta sea publicada como documento oficial de la Cuarta Reunión Bienal de Estados.

Aprovecho la ocasión para reiterarle las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

Claude Heller
Embajador
Representante Permanente
ante las Naciones Unidas

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Chairman-designate of the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects (BMS 4), to be convened from 14 to 18 June 2010 in New York.

The intention of this letter is to update Member States on the latest developments in preparation of the abovementioned Meeting. After holding consultations, and taking into account the issues or topics of relevance that I have identified as being of concern to most delegations, I hereby propose the following agenda for the next BMS 4:

- a) Prevention and combat of illicit trade in small arms and light weapons across borders;
- b) International Cooperation and Assistance;
- c) Strengthening of the follow-up mechanism of the Programme of Action;
- d) Implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, and;
- e) Other issues, which could include, inter alia, promotion of a dialogue and a culture of peace by encouraging education and public awareness programmes on the problems of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.

As a result of my consultations and following previous practice, I have decided to designate friends of the Chairman-designate for each of the proposed topics, to act as facilitators during the negotiations. The following delegates have been designated for that purpose, respectively:

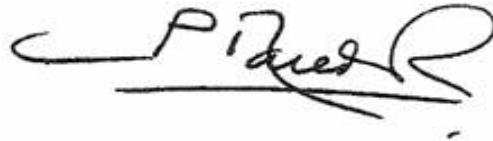
- Mr. Federico Perazza, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations in New York (topic a);
- Mrs. Sarah de Zoeten, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations in New York (topic b);
- Mr. William Kullman, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of the United States Department of Justice in Washington D.C. (topic d);

- Mr. Lawrence Obisakin, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in New York (topic e).

With respect to topic c), namely Strengthening of the follow-up mechanism of the Programme of Action, I will be conducting the negotiations myself as announced in the open session of consultations held last 19 March, in New York.

It is my intention to continue to hold consultations with Member States. In this regard, there will be an open session at the United Nations in New York next **19 May** (room to be confirmed). I encourage all delegations to participate, so that we can layout the foundations for a successful BMS 4. Meanwhile, I will ask the friends of the Chairman-designate, as previously stated, to continue their ongoing consultations with a view to presenting documents for distribution at that session. I look forward to seeing you on 19 May.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pablo Macedo', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Pablo Macedo