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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and with reference to the latter's Note Verbale No. DDA/9-2003/NPC dated 12 February 2003 regarding implementation of Resolution 57/72 entitled "The Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects", has the honour to state that the Government of Bangladesh has considered steps towards implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the Member States. In this regard, it has been decided that out of illegally confiscated small arms and light weapons, only those which are re-useable according to expert opinion, will be allocated for use by Government agencies subject, of course, to relevant regulations. The rest of such weapons would be disposed through destruction.

The Permanent Mission further wishes to inform that small arms and light weapons held by defence and security agencies are solely used for national defence and security purposes. These are procured from legitimate international sources and also from Bangladesh Ordnance Factory. All such weapons are properly accounted for and their stocks are periodically reviewed under the strict internal verification mechanism. Surplus and outlived weapons are destroyed/disposed of according to internationally accepted procedure and properly accounted for.

The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the UN Secretariat, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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