Belgium associates itself with the statement of the EU.

With regard to assistance for tracing I would like to mention that Belgium sponsored a research project on tracing of illicit arms in Colombia. The project was done by Ghent University in cooperation with the Colombian NGO Fundacion Ideas Para la Paz and the Colombian authorities. The research resulted were published end 2009 in a publication with the title “Arms Tracing – Perspectives on control, traffic and use of illegal weapons in Colombia”, this publication exists also in Spanish: “Rastreo de armas - Perspectives sobre control, trafico y uso de armas ilegales en Colombia”

The publication reports on an extensive research endeavour to screen small arms stockpiles that were seized from illicit non-state actors in Colombia in the course of the past 5 years. It determines the proportion of these arms that originate from EU member states and reconstructs these arms flows 'upstream', so as to assess whether and to what extent these arms have been subject to unauthorized re-exports by states that obtained the arms legally from European Union member states. On of the objectives of this research was to find out ways to better assess the risk of diversion when considering arms export licenses.