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Resolution (6447) on Arab Coordination for Combating the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (Unofficial translation):

Resolution

Arab Coordination for Combating the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons

The Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level
After having reviewed:

- The Memorandum of the General Secretariat, and
- The preliminary report of the Secretary-General, on the inter-sessional activities,
- The recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee

Decides :

1. To reaffirm the common Arab position adopted by Arab States at the "United Nations Conference to combat the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects" held in 2001, particularly regarding the need to preserve the international disarmament priorities accorded to nuclear weapons and to weapons of mass destruction, the right to self-determination for all peoples, the right to individual and collective self-defense, the need to tackle the root causes for armed conflicts.
2. To request Arab States and the General Secretariat to intensify their coordination to combat the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons.
3. To entrust the General Secretariat, in its capacity as the Regional Focal Point, to coordinate the efforts of Arab States, and to provide programs for national capacity building to combat the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, specially in the fields of border management, information exchange, development of legislation, establishing agencies and focal points and conduct relevant studies.
4. To call upon member states and the General Secretariat to undertake appropriate and early preparation, and to coordinate positions for the participation in the "2nd United Nations Biennial Meeting of States to consider the Implementation of the United Nations Program of Action to Combat Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons".
5. To call upon member states who have not yet established National Focal Points to do so in implementation of the United Nations Program of Action with the aim of facilitating Arab and international coordination in this respect.
6. The General Secretariat will provide technical assistance to member states who wish to prepare their National reports, establish National Coordination Agencies or Focal Points with regional and international bodies and organizations