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**Resolution (6625) 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 Inter-sessional Progress Report of the General Secretariat, and
- The recommendations of “The First Meeting of Arab National Focal Points on Small Arms and Light Weapons” held during 26–27 December 2005 at the League of Arab States Headquarters, and
- The recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee:

**Decides:**

1. To take note of the conclusions of “The First meeting of the Arab national focal points on Small Arms and Light Weapons” held during 26-27 December 2005 at the League of Arab States Headquarters.
2. To reconfirm its Resolution No. 6447 of the Arab League Council at the Ministerial Level (Ordinary Session 122) held on 14/9/2004 on Combating Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons.
3. To entrust the Regional Focal Points to hold a meeting for the Arab National Focal Points at least once a year, with the aim to coordinating and sharing their experiences, assessing regional and international relevant developments, and examining best ways to deal with such matters.
4. To invite National Focal Points to submit their reports to the Regional Focal Point at the League of Arab States on their achievements over the past five years, in addition to the texts of laws, regulations and legislations governing the issues of small arms. This information will be the basis for a database which will provide member States with relevant achievements and allow them to benefit from available expertise in the region.
5. To invite Arab National Focal Points to coordinate their positions before and during the United Nation Review Conference to be held in New York from 27 June till 7 July 2006, and to examine the possibility of submitting joint Arab working papers on issues before the Conference and emphasizing the following points:

To continue to adhere to the common Arab position adopted by Arab States at the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects” in 2001, particularly those related to international priorities in the field of disarmament which are removing nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, the right to self-determination for all peoples, the right to individual and collective self-defense and to tackle the root causes for armed conflict.

6. To Request member States to prepare their annual reports on the implementation of the United Nations Program of Action and submit them to the United Nations not later than the end of April 2006 and providing a copy to the Regional Focal Point at the League of Arab States as soon as possible for the purpose of preparing a progress report on the achievements at the regional level to be submitted to the forthcoming Review Conference as an information paper on the progress made in the Arab Region in this field.
7. To refer the present Resolution to the Council of the Arab Interior Ministers for the purpose of Coordination regarding the issue.
8. To Entrust the General Secretariat, being the Regional Focal Point, to continue its efforts, and to submit a report on its work to the forthcoming session of the Council.

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