

# **Regional Meeting on the implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its aspects for Latin America and the Caribbean: Looking towards the 2012 Review Conference**

## **Chairman's Summary**

In Kingston, Jamaica, on April 12th and 13th 2012, the following Latin American and Caribbean States: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela were represented in the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Latin America and Caribbean on the Implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its aspects. The Regional Meeting was organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs in cooperation with the Government of Jamaica with funding from the European Union.

The following international and non-governmental organizations participated in the Meeting: CARICOM, Organization of American States, UNLiREC, Small Arms Survey.

Ms Dianne McIntosh, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security extended a warm welcome to participants attending the meeting and expressed the hope that most if not all of the expectations of each participant as well as the stated objectives of the meeting will be met.

The meeting heard a presentation by H.E. Ambassador Joy Ogwu, President-designate of the Review Conference. The meeting expressed its strong support to the President-designate.

The high level of attendance reflected the commitment of the Governments of the region regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action and the preparation for the Review Conference, scheduled to take place in New York from August 27th to September 7th 2012.

During this Regional Meeting, the participating delegations presented progress made on the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument at the national, subregional and regional levels. The meeting demonstrated the strong commitment of the countries of the region to contribute to the success of the Review Conference, in order to strengthen the implementation of the Programme of Action in all its aspects and at all levels.

In this context, the meeting highlighted the following aspects, among others:

- International assistance and cooperation
- Border controls

- Inter-agency cooperation
- National reporting
- The link between security and development
- Sharing of best practices
- Capacity building
- Follow-up to the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument
- Transparency and Inclusivity of consultations in the Review Conference, as well as in all phases of its preparatory process
- Discussions and Outcome Document at the RevCon to follow structure of the PoA and the ITI

The participating delegations thanked the Government of Jamaica for hosting the Regional Meeting and expressed their deep appreciation for its warm hospitality.

Kingston, April 13th 2012