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TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Our ref.:

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in reference to your note verbale dated January 28th with regards to *The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects*.

As follows are Norway's answers to the questions in relation to the implementation of the *International Tracing Instrument*:

(i) All SALW in the possession and use of the Norwegian Armed Forces and security forces (i.e. police forces) are uniquely marked and thus traceable. This has been the case for all acquisitions since the end of the 1950's. This policy was reaffirmed by the adoption of the OSCE SALW Document of 24 November 2000.

(ii) N/A

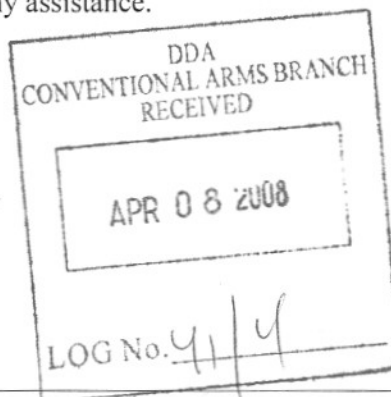
(iii) Comprehensive records of SALW in the possession of the armed forces and the police are in place in Norway until their destruction. Destruction records are kept for a number of years.

(iv) No additional measures are deemed necessary.

(v) Norway does not require any assistance.

Yours sincerely,


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