

Regional Briefings on Preparations for the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States on the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons

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Key issues and outcomes from BMS7

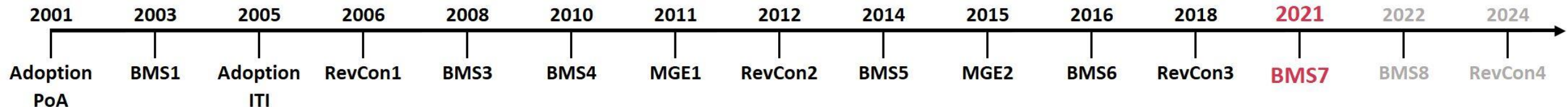


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Background

- In 2001, Member States adopted the **Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (PoA)**.
- In 2005, the General Assembly adopted the **International Tracing Instrument (ITI)**, which specifically provides a framework for cooperation in weapons tracing.
- Periodic review of implementation
 - BMS: Biennial Meeting of States
 - RevCon: Review Conference
 - MGE: Meeting of Governmental Experts



BMS7 mandate

*BMS7 mandate: “Decides [...] to convene a one -week biennial meeting of States from 26 to 30 July 2021 to **consider key challenges and opportunities relating to the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument at the national, regional and global levels for the purposes of preventing and combating the diversion and the illicit international transfer of small arms and light weapons to unauthorized recipients.**”*

Diversion

- Diversion risks at each stage of the life-cycle of a weapon (manufacture, before and during transfer, post-delivery storage in stockpiles, end use or disposal)
- The illicit market includes illicit transfer to unauthorised recipient, inter alia cross-border trafficking without appropriate authorization, unauthorized State retransfer, violation of arms embargoes imposed by the Security Council
- Need for continued dialogue and concerted action at national, regional and international levels to prevent diversion and illicit international transfers to unauthorised recipients

Measurability & implementation

- Consider establishing voluntary national & regional targets
- Encourage the development & implementation of national action plans
- Consider the collection of disaggregated data by sex
- Use national reports for assessing implementation progress
- Strengthen cooperation with civil society, youth, victims & survivors of armed violence, parliamentarians, industry & private sector

Peace, Security & Sustainable Development nexus

- Integrate PoA implementation into the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and national development strategies
- Ensure the equal, full & effective participation of women in all policy, planning & implementation processes, mechanisms & fora
- Encourage, as appropriate, harmonization of national policies on SALW and Women, Peace and Security
- Use data to inform evidence-based gender-sensitive policymaking & programming, and exchange experiences, lessons, & good practices in this regard

ITI: Implications of developments in manufacturing, technology & design

- Continue exchanging views on recent developments in manufacturing, technology and design, in particular polymer and modular weapons ...
- ... and for BMS8 to consider the proposal of an open-ended working group to address challenges and opportunities for marking, tracing & record-keeping of polymer and modular weapons
- Request the Secretariat to develop a good practice document on marking practices for polymer and modular weapons

International assistance

- Explore ways to ensure & further strengthen comprehensive international assistance for life-cycle management
- Cooperation, coordination & information sharing mechanisms to enhance the effectiveness of assistance programmes
- Consider connecting voluntary targets with resource mobilization, assistance requests, & programmes
- Request the Secretariat to present at BMS8 funding & administrative arrangements for a dedicated fellowship training programme

Summary

PoA			ITI
National level	Regional level	International level	
Implement PoA provisions to prevent diversion	Encourage regional instruments, roadmaps, & action plans	Conflict & post-conflict settings	Addressing recent developments in manufacturing, technology & design, in particular polymer & modular
Address emerging challenges	Promote & strengthen cross-border & regional cooperation	Armed violence & broader peace, security, & sustainable development	
Strengthen measurability and implementation of the PoA			
International cooperation & assistance to implement the PoA & ITI			