Seminar

Strengthening commitments to combat illicit arms trade

Quito, December 12-13, 2011

Monday December 12

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening

Sabine Pfiffner, UN Office of Disarmament Affairs
Ronald A. Münch, German Deputy Chief of Mission
Valm. Homero Arellano, Minister –Coordinator of Security of Ecuador

09:30-11:00 Experts Panel 1: Assessing Ecuadorian and Regional 'PoA' Commitments: Where do we stand and where do we need to go?

Moderator: Alcides Costa Vaz, International Relations Institute of Brasilia
Panelists: Sabine Pfiffner, UN Office of Disarmament Affairs
Adolfo López, Political Coordinator of Andean Community of Nations – CAN
Gloria Polastri Amat, President Task Force on Arms Control of Ecuador (ETCA)

11:00-11:30 coffee break

11:30-13:00 Experts Panel 2: Experts Panel 3: Security Sector Challenges from the Standpoint of Women and Vulnerable Populations

Moderator: Katherine Prizeman, Global Action to Prevent War-GAPW
Panelists: Guademar Jiménez, SERPAJ-Ecuador
Andrés Dávila, Associate Researcher CERAC, Colombia
Col. Verónica Espinoza, Director National Police Hospital-Ecuador

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Experts Panel 3: Illicit Weapons and Urban Violence: Policies and Campaigns to discourage the use of SALW and Promote Voluntary Surrender of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives
Moderator: Robert Zuber, Global Action to Prevent War-GAPW

Panelists: Daniel Pontón, Community Safety Observatory of Quito
Bernardo Ovalle, Coordinator of Community Safety Observatory of Guayaquil
Melanie Regimbal, Director Regional Center for Paz, Disarmament and Development (UNLIREC)

16:30 Coffee

18:00-20:00 Public event “Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the UN Program of Action to prevent, combat and eliminate illicit trade of SALW”

Tuesday December 13

09:00-11:00 Experts Panel 4: Regional and Bilateral Information Exchange Mechanisms: Strategies for Preventing Diversion and Corruption in Arms Transfers

Moderator: Diego Perez, IAEN

Panelists: Col. Felipe Medrano Montes, Ministry of Defense, Bolivia
Vitaliano Gallardo, Director International Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru
Maria Andrea Torres, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia
Col. Edwin Lara, Chief-Department of Arms Control- Secretary Task Force on Arms Control (ETCA), Ecuador

11:00 – 11:30 coffee break

11:30 – 12:00 Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Robert Zuber, Global Action to Prevent War-GAPW
Javier Ponce-Cevallos, Minister of Defense of Ecuador

12:30 Closing Lunch