S U B J E C T: Submission of the report of the Secretary-General on Resolution 74/60 on The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 74/60 entitled “The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, adopted by the General Assembly on 12 December 2019.

By operative paragraph 26 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“Also requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on best practices, lessons learned and new recommendations on preventing and combating the diversion and illicit international transfer of small arms and light weapons to unauthorized recipients and to include them, along with views from the United Nations system, in particular those agencies participating in the small arms coordination mechanism, as well as input from INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization, in a report for consideration at the Seventh Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, in 2020”

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would like to refer to resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 entitled “Pattern of Conferences”, adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 1997 and 18 December 1998 respectively.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, all Member States and intergovernmental bodies are kindly requested to restrict the length of their submissions without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or their content. The word limit for each report issued by the Secretariat, including all submissions, is 10,700 words (20 pages).

The Secretariat encourages Member States to comply with General Assembly resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 in their submissions on disarmament issues to the Secretary General.
In order to facilitate the submission of the views on the issues outlined above by Member States, the deadline for submission is **29 February 2020**. Member States are invited to cooperate to enable the Secretariat to ensure the timely issuance of the reports. All submissions should be sent **electronically, in Microsoft Word format**. Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

All views **will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the original language received**.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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