REFERENCE: ODA/2020-00066/TIA
SUBJECT: Submission of the report of the Secretary-General on Resolution 74/53 on Transparency in Armaments (United Nations Register of Conventional Arms)

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 74/53 entitled “Transparency in armaments”, adopted by the General Assembly on 12 December 2019. This resolution relates to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA).

By operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“Calls upon Member States, with a view to achieving universal participation, to provide the Secretary-General, by 31 May annually, with the requested data and information for the Register, including nil reports if appropriate, using the online reporting tool, on the basis of resolutions 46/36 L and 47/52 L and the recommendations contained in the respective reports of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development;

Invites Member States in a position to do so, pending further development of the Register, to provide additional information on procurement through national production and military holdings as part of their background information and to make use of the de facto reporting form, or any other method they deem appropriate, for the respective elements”.

National annual report

The Office for Disarmament Affairs stands ready to receive Member States’ national reports to UNROCA including on transfers of small arms and light weapons, pertaining to calendar year 2019.

A nil report can be submitted by Governments that last year did not record any imports or exports under UNROCA’s seven main categories of conventional arms but are nevertheless committed to the principle of transparency in armaments.

Nil reports will remain valid for three years, provided that the report State does not register any export or import in the three-year period. Accordingly, the nil-reporting State will be recorded, by default, as having reported to UNROCA every year during the three-year period.

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In line with the report of the 2019 Governmental Group of Experts, it is recommended that Member States report international transfers of small arms and light weapons in parallel with reporting on the other seven categories of weapons systems.

National reporting is done in a secure web-based environment. Please request your country’s unique user account name and password through conventionalarms-unoda@un.org. Subsequently, your national report can be submitted through www.un.org/disarmament/register.

Only Permanent Missions or national points of contact on UNROCA can request the password. A list of national points of contact is attached to this note.

Deadline for submissions: **31 May 2020**.

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.

31 January 2020