The 8th National Report of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Implementation of the Program of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in Its All Aspects.

Preamble

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always supported the Program of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, in its All Aspects. The Islamic Republic of Iran is of the view that the efficient, complete and indiscriminate implementation of the Program of Action, as a political, nonbinding and voluntary document, can help mitigate the negative consequences of illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs) on human life and sustainable, social and economic development of UN Member States.

The illicit trade of SALWs has close relation to terrorist activities, money laundering, transnational organized crimes and drug trafficking. Hence, the Islamic Republic of Iran has established some necessary infrastructures to prevent and combat the illicit trade in SALWs in line with the international instrument to enable States to identify and trace them, in a timely and reliable manner. The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to mark and keep records of the manufactured and delivered SALWs.

This is the 8th national report of the Islamic Republic of Iran which contains information about the main activities carried out in Implementation of the PoA at national, bilateral and regional levels, since May 2016 up to March 2020.

National Measures:
- Ratifying rules of procedures to evaluate the quality of implementation of the national law for punishment of SALWs and ammunitions trafficking and possessor of illicit arms in order to strengthen the efficient and effective implementation of this law;
- Implementing the 5th Specific Plan to encounter trafficking and collecting illicit SALWs;
- Intensifying border controls to counter terrorism and active international and internal bands in the field of illicit trade and traffic of SALWs;
- Regular storage monitoring of SALWs and making effort to strengthen the security and safety coefficients;
  - Destroying of all seized and collected illicit SALWs;
  - Carrying out some outreach activities to raise public awareness about consequences and risks of illicit trafficking and trade of SALWs;
  - Providing necessary advice to the concerned national entities through National Point of Contact;
  - Updating the current standards on stockpile management, paying particular attention to the safety and security issues;
  - Upgrading the current procedures to ensure that all SALWs in the possession of the armed forces and police are duly marked;
  - Conducting some research projects on surveying effective grounds on SALWs trafficking in the country, focusing on the cultural, social and economic factors aimed at decreasing armed violence.

**Bilateral and Regional Measures:**

- Holding the joint security meetings between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Turkey in July and December 2017 and also in March 2019 against the illicit trafficking of SALWs;
  - Conclusion of Cooperation Agreement between the Islamic republic of Iran and the Republic of Hungary on the transnational organized crimes.