

played a strong role in trying to find drafting solutions, and continue to work with our international counterparts to advance work on this Protocol as well.

## 5. SMALL ARMS

The Department is working in a number of areas to support the limitation of the proliferation of small arms - arms control and "peace-building" approach -, as well as on controlling illicit trafficking in firearms - a law enforcement approach.

While the Legal Bureau has the lead on the issue of controlling illicit trafficking in firearms, we also advise other interested divisions of the Department (Non-proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, and Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs and International Women's Equality Division) on legal aspects related to the small arms issue. Furthermore, discussions are ongoing in the UN, in the context of the Lysoen Declaration, with Norway and Switzerland in preparation for a conference on small arms in 2001.