

regulation held at Vienna from February 10-14, 1997. Annex II summarizes the international study on firearm regulation.

I-7. Council of the European Union. *EU Programme For Preventing and Combating Illicit Trafficking in Conventional Arms*. EU Resolution EU/9057/97 DG E/CPSP IV, June 26, 1997.

This Program calls on EU (European Union) Member States to strengthen collective efforts to prevent and combat illicit trafficking of arms, particularly of small arms, on and through their territories. The Program states that consideration should be given to the following:

- 1) fostering enhanced cooperation and coordination of customs and other law enforcement agencies to ensure adequate customs checks;
- 2) improving information exchange on illicit trafficking of arms (e.g., through the use of international databases).

The European Council and its Member States will take concerted action to assist other countries in preventing and combating illicit trafficking of arms, particularly of small arms, through the following measures:

- 1) strengthening laws to regulate and monitor transfers of arms;
- 2) adopting strict measures to enforce national arms export control legislation;
- 3) establishing regional points of contact to report illicit trafficking of arms;
- 4) creating national commissions against illicit trafficking of arms;
- 5) preventing corruption and bribery in connection with illicit trafficking of arms;
- 6) promoting regional, subregional, and national cooperation amongst police, customs authorities and intelligence services working in this field;
- 7) promoting the use of existing international databases.

The European Council and its Member States will assist affected countries in suppressing the illicit circulation and trafficking of arms, particularly of small arms, by doing the following:

- 1) ensuring the incorporation of measures to suppress illicit circulation of arms in peacekeeping operations;
- 2) creating weapons collection, buy-back and destruction programs;
- 3) establishing educational programs to promote awareness among the local population of the negative consequences of illicit trafficking of arms;
- 4) promoting the integration of former combatants into civilian life.

I-8. Report of the Secretary-General. *General and Complete Disarmament: Consolidation of Peace Through Practical Disarmament Measures*. United Nations General Assembly Document A/52/289, August 19, 1997.

Building upon the foundation of United Nations General Assembly Document A/51/181 [Serial No. I-1], this document argues that consideration should be given to incremental steps leading to a more integrated approach to practical disarmament measures, particularly in post-conflict situations. The following steps are suggested: