

conflicts" and, second, anti-personnel mines. Noting the many causes for the proliferation of small arms, and the "exceptional difficulty of controlling the illicit flow of small arms", he urged that the search begin now for effective solutions, particularly on a regional basis.⁷

⁷ In paragraph 63, the Secretary-General lists the following causes: "...the earlier supply of weapons to client states by the parties to the cold war, internal conflicts, competition for commercial markets, criminal activity and the collapse of governmental law and order functions (which both gives free rein to the criminals and creates a legitimate reason for ordinary citizens to acquire weapons for their own defence)."