

operations. However, support has not yet reached the US\$13 million target budget for full implementation of the PCASED's five-year programme.²²

Notable donations to PCASED include US\$2.5 million from Norway, US\$500,000 from the UK, and US\$400,000 from Canada.²³ The US has also offered technical assistance, modest funding and diplomatic support.²⁴ Five other governments have expressed their intention to make contributions.²⁵

Southern Africa/SARPCCO

Programming and Resource Allocation

The SADC Committee on Small Arms and SARPCCO (Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organization) work in tandem to implement regional political commitments, while the SADC Special Projects Directorate has been assigned a role in co-ordinating regional policies and activities relating to SALW. The EU-SADC Working Group on Small Arms meets to discuss how co-operation on SALW initiatives between the two regions can best be enhanced.

The SADC-EU relationship has also proven to be fruitful in terms of practical SALW-related programming. Close political contact and frequent meetings/summits have produced a growing partnership. This is indicated by the EU's funding of Operation Rachel (see above), where the EU donated EUR 200,000 (approximately US\$1.8 million) to the weapons collection and destruction initiative in Mozambique. There is also an SADC-USA partnership on small arms.

Following a slow start, existing commitments are now being translated into operational activities. The consensus view is that significant progress is now being made in tackling the region's SALW problem.

Sources of Funding

SADC /SARPCCO programmes are funded by the EU *Joint Action* on small arms budget-line, the EU Development Fund and other budget lines accessible through in-country EU delegations.

²²*Ibid.*

²³Joe Smaldone, "Mali and the West African Moratorium," *Light Weapons and Civil Conflict: Controlling the Tools of Violence*, J. Boutwell and M. Klare, eds., Rowman and Littlefield Press, 1999, p. 139.

²⁴*Ibid*, pp. 141, and Steven Edwards, "UN's African Gun Control Programme Firing Blanks," *National Post*, 14 April 2001.

²⁵Tore Rose, "The Programme for Coordination and Assistance for Security and Development in West Africa, 'PCASED,'" Statement at the International Conference on Regional Small Arms Moratoria, Oslo, 1-2 April 1998.