

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

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

## **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.

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<sup>22</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>23</sup>Joe 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.

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

<sup>25</sup>Tore 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.