

implementation of the Congress's resolution will focus on the holding of four regional workshops on firearms regulation as well as one or two inter-regional workshops.

This questionnaire requests information as it applies to firearms in the possession of civilians, and not as it applies to military or to state security forces. Fifty states are asked to complete the form to generate information on:

- 1) criminal cases, accidents and suicides in which firearms are involved;
- 2) the situation with regard to transnational illicit trafficking in firearms;
- 3) national legislation and regulations relevant to firearms regulations;
- 4) relevant initiatives for firearms regulation at the regional and interregional levels.

I-12. *Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls and Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies: Initial Elements as Adopted by the Plenary of 11-12 July. July 12, 1996.*

Representatives of 33 states met in Vienna, Austria on 11 and 12 July 1996 and decided to implement the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Technologies. Its purpose is to contribute to regional and international security by:

- 1) promoting transparency;
- 2) ensuring that transfers of relevant items do not contribute to excessive and destabilizing accumulations of arms;
- 3) complementing existing control regimes for weapons of mass destruction;
- 4) reducing the need for states to acquire advanced weapons or technologies.