

# **Information on Confidence-Building Measures in the Field of Conventional Arms**

## **Report of the Republic of Armenia**

### *United Nations Resolution 65/63*

The process of reporting under the UN resolution 65/63 is an opportunity for Armenia, as well as for other OSCE member states, to reflect and evaluate the implementation of the Confidence and Security Building measures, as well as main security for more stable and peaceful future and as a part for the European security structure, as a means to reduce actual and perceived threats to the security.

### **1. Organization on Security and Co-operation in Europe**

The main tools for the Republic of Armenia regarding Confidence-Building Measures in the Field of Conventional Arms are the Forum for Security Co-operation and Conflict Prevention Center: the Vienna Document 1999, Global Exchange of Military Information, Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Code of Conduct, Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines are the basic tools in this regard. Though the Joint Consultative Group is not formally part of the OSCE but acts under its general umbrella.

Two parallel processes of modernization of the CFE Treaty and a significant update of the Vienna Document 99 are very important endeavors to be carefully nurtured.

The OSCE's Annual Security Review Conference, Annual Implementation Assessment Meeting, as well as the OSCE Meeting to Review the Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons are major tools to reflect and evaluate the implementation of the Confidence and Security Building Measures.

### **Annual Exchanges**

Armenia submits regularly Annual Exchange of Military Information in the framework of the CFE Treaty, the Vienna Document 99 (AEMI), Annual Exchange on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), relevant information on Code of Conduct (CoC), Global Exchange of Military Information (GEMI), and Questionnaire on Anti-Personnel Landmines (APLM), Information Exchange with Regard to Sample Formats of the End-User Certificates and Relevant Verification Procedures and Info Exchange on Conventional Arms Transfer.

This year the Republic of Armenia has already provided the VD-99 and GEMI Annual Exchanges of Information.

### **Inspections under the Vienna Document 99**

The inspections and evaluation visits conducted in accordance with the Vienna Document chapter IX are one of the important tools for the implementation of those agreed CSBMs. During the year of 2010 Armenia received three designated-area inspections along with one evaluation visit conducted by inspection teams from Turkey, Spain, Switzerland and Germany.

In the current year Armenia has already hosted the evaluation visit led by the United States in January, and two Inspection teams from Lithuania and Estonia in March and April.

During these visits the inspection teams had expressed their satisfaction and appreciation for the manner and professionalism, as well as the openness of the Armenian side facilitating the smooth operation of inspections. The conclusions of the inspection report clearly indicate that there were no issues of non-compliance by Armenia.

### **OSCE Communications Network**

The OSCE Communication Network is an important instrument for facilitating the implementation of various commitments under the VD-99. The participating States use the Network for the transmission of messages relating to agreed measures contained in the Vienna Document 99. Armenia successfully operates the network for the years and there is an established close cooperation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense of the Republic of Armenia.

Armenia shares the reaffirmation of the OSCE Astana Commemorative Declaration's Point 8, that "The Conventional arms control and confidence and security-building regimes remain major instruments for ensuring military stability, predictability and transparency, and should be revitalized, updated and modernized" through the further constructive engagement of all stakeholders.