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The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 78/46 entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects", adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2023.

By operative paragraph 24 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

"Encourages States to submit, on a voluntary basis, national reports on their implementation of the Programme of Action, notes that States will submit national reports on their implementation of the International Tracing Instrument, encourages those States in a position to do so to use the reporting template made available by the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat, and reaffirms the utility of synchronizing such reports with biennial meetings of States and review conferences as a means of increasing the submission rate and improving the utility of reports, as well as contributing substantively to meeting discussions".

The Office for Disarmament Affairs stands ready to receive the above-referenced national reports on implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, covering the biennial implementation period 2022-2023.

National reporting is done in a secure web-based environment. Reports can be submitted in all official UN languages.

Governments that have submitted a national report through the web-based template in the past need only to update their information where relevant.

Please request your country's unique user account name and password through <u>conventionalarms-unoda@un.org</u>. Subsequently, your national report can be submitted/updated through <u>poa.un-arm.org/login</u>.

Only Permanent Missions or national points of contact on small arms can request the password. For a list of national points of contact, go to <u>smallarms.un-arm.org/national-contacts</u>.

Deadline for submissions: 30 April 2024.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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