The Office for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 67/58 entitled “The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects”, adopted by the General Assembly on 3 December 2012.

By operative paragraphs 12, 13 and 15 of that resolution, the General Assembly:

12. 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 online reporting tool made available by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, 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;

13. Also encourages States, on a voluntary basis, to make increasing use of their national reports as another tool for communicating assistance needs and information on the resources and mechanisms available to address such needs, and encourages States in a position to render such assistance to make use of these national reports;

15. Calls upon all States to implement the International Tracing Instrument by, inter alia, including in their national reports the name and contact information of the national points of contact and information on national marking practices used to indicate country of manufacture and/or country of import, as applicable.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful to receive the above-mentioned national report from your Governments by 31 December 2013.

The reporting template which enables direct online submission is on www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/SALW. The template covers the reporting requirement for the International Tracing Instrument, as well as the voluntary reporting on the implementation of the Programme of Action as agreed by States in the Outcome Document of the 2012 Review Conference (A/CONF.192/2012/RC/4).

Your country’s unique user account name and password can be requested by your Permanent Mission or national point of contact on small arms, through conventionalarms-unoda@un.org.

States needing assistance with their reporting may contact the Office for Disarmament Affairs at the above-mentioned email address.

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