

UNMAS supports the Congolese government in the elaboration of a new national action plan for the management and control of Small Arms and Light Weapons in DRC



This action plan was validated on Thursday 15 March 2018 by the Deputy Minister of the Interior and Security on the sidelines of the 9th meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Regional Center on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the region Great Lakes, the Horn of Africa and neighboring states.

(Kinshasa, 16 March 2018) With the support of MONUSCO, the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) provided its support to the National Commission for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons and the Reduction of Armed Violence, CNC-SALW, in the elaboration of a new National Action Plan for the Control and Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons for the period 2018 to 2022. This action plan is the result of a series of inclusive work sessions supported by the UN system through various efforts including those of MONUSCO and UNMAS.

“The Congolese government has welcomed this instrument which will enable the Democratic Republic of Congo to fight against the proliferation, accumulation and misuse of weapons and ammunition that are already a persistent issue for peace and security within the country”, said the Deputy Minister of the Interior and Security, Mr. Basile Olongo, during the official validation ceremony. He symbolically handed over the new action plan to Colonel Jean-Pierre Kasongo, the Permanent Secretary of the National Commission for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons and the Reduction of Armed Violence, CNC-SALW.

This national action plan is structured around five chapters namely: Current General Context of the DRC, Methodology and Process for the Development of the National Action Plan, Presentation of the National Security Situation, National Strategy for Combating the Circulation Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in the DRC and Planning for the 2018-2022 Period. The budget estimation for its implementation amounts to nearly 58.5 million US dollars to cover activities across the 26 provinces of the DRC.

UNMAS and its partners remain committed to supporting resource mobilization efforts both at the national and international levels for the implementation of this action plan. The plan serves as an integral part of the mission's mandate to support good governance and ammunition management in the DRC.