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# **RASR** The Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction

## **SOUTH EAST EUROPE 9<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP OF REGIONAL APPROACH TO STOCKPILE REDUCTION (RASR) OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS**

**3-4 October 2017  
Podgorica, Montenegro  
(Hotel Centre Ville)**

### **DRAFT - AGENDA**

#### **Monday, 2 October 2017**

- 1700** Meeting of RASR Steering Committee members
- 1930 – 2100** Welcome reception for all meeting participants (hosted by SEESAC)

#### **Tuesday, 3 October 2017**

- 0830 – 0900** **Registration**
- 0900 – 0930** **Opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> RASR Workshop**
- Welcome remarks by Regional Cooperation Council Representative
  - Opening remarks by H.E. Predrag Boškovic, Minister of Defence of Montenegro
  - Opening remarks by Head of EU Delegation Montenegro (TBC)
  - Opening remarks from US Ambassador to Montenegro (TBC)

*Chaired by Ms. Bojana Balon, SEESAC Coordinator on behalf of RASR Secretariat*

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- 0930 – 1100** **Session I – Physical Security and Stockpile Management - progress, challenges and priorities.**



RASR members' presentations (15-20 minutes per presentation).

*The purpose of this session is for members to inform their colleagues regarding current situation of ammunition and armament stockpiles, progress on ammunition/armament disposal and reduction, safety and security challenges as well as priorities and identified needs in these areas.*

*Discussions*

*Chaired by Ms. Sabina Beber Boštjančič, Acting Director ITF Enhancing Human Security*

**1100-1130** Coffee break

**1130-1300** **Session I (continued) - PSSM progress, challenges and priorities.**

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*Discussions*

*Chaired by Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator*

**1300-1430** **Lunch**

**1430-1600** **Session II – Ensuring safety and security of armament /ammunition storages through enhancement of infrastructure and human capacities.**

*Harmonization of safety and security requirements of ammunition storages is crucial in eliminating risks of unplanned explosions and numerous victims, but also the diversion and proliferation of stockpiles through theft and illicit trade. The session will focus on best practices and support provided to the region in bringing security and safety standards to international standards as well as challenges faced in this regard.*

- Improving security and safety of ammunition storages – Presentation by Mr. Blaž Mihelič, ITF Enhancing Human Security
- Support to regional cooperation on PSSM for the benefit of the SEE region as a whole – Presentation by Ms. Kloalda Kamberi, RACVIAC Planning and Liaison Officer for SEE
- Improving security infrastructure and human capacities for stockpile management in Southeast Europe - presentation by Ms. Tamara Svircev, SEESAC Project Officer
- Life-cycle Management of Ammunition (LCMA) with focus on a BiH case study– presentation by Small Arms Survey

*Chaired by Mr. David Towndrow, Partnership for Peace Section, NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)*

**1600** **Closure of the first day**

**1600-1900** **Networking time**

**1900** **Dinner hosted by SEESAC on behalf of RASR Secretariat**

## Wednesday, 4 October 2017

### 0900-1030 **Session III - New developments – stockpile management/disposal**

*This session will aim at sharing information on new projects and/or initiatives related to stockpile reduction and disposal or capacity building in South East Europe.*

- Cross border white phosphor disposal project and EUSTAR ammunition disposal in Bosnia and Herzegovina - presented by MoD BiH
- Ammunition, Weapons, and Explosives (AWE) Master Plan – presented by Col. Martin Trachsler, EUFOR
- Capacity Development Programme for Conventional Ammunition Stockpile Management (CASM) – presented by MoD Serbia (TBC)
- OSCE support on weapons and ammunition stockpile management – presented by Mr. Paul Martin, OSCE BiH.

(15 mins per presentation)

*Chaired by RACVIAC*

### 1030 - 1100 **Coffee Break**

### 1100 - 1200 **Session III (continued) - New developments – stockpile management/disposal**

*This session will aim at sharing information on new projects and/or initiatives related to stockpile reduction and management in South East Europe.*

- Experience from South east Europe - Presented by Mr. David Towndrow, Partnership for Peace Section, NSPA
- Safe, Secure, Management of Ammunition (SSMA) Initiative – presented by Col. Martin Trachsler, EUFOR

*Chaired by Small Arms Survey*

### 1200-1240 **Session IV - Workshop wrap-up and thoughts on MoD stockpile management**

*The aim of this wrap-up session is to summarise and discuss the progress and challenges faced by the Ministries of Defence/Armed Forces in the region for ammunition stockpile management and highlight the opportunities for cooperation. The session will discuss issues related to how the MoD/Armed Forces ensure to have the right staff and policy to determine and review current and future munitions stockpile; their capacity and plans to procure ammunition and dispose of surplus munitions; how they ensure that sufficiently trained and experienced staff are in the key posts to manage ammunition and what are the challenges (if any) in international support for ammunition management.*

*Facilitated by Mr. David Towndrow, Partnership for Peace Section, NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)*

### 1240-1300 **Workshop conclusions**

*Chaired by SEESAC (RASR Secretariat)*

### 1300-1400 Lunch

### 15:00 Departure of participants