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## What to expect from BMS7?

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# Two questions

- What to expect from UN Member States in order to make the final outcome of BMS7 effective, and to progress the implementation of the PoA ?
- How civil society could contribute to this process ?



# First expectation: the enhancement of States' "political" commitment on SALW's control

- *Sine qua non* condition for a «more effective» final outcome of BMS7
- *Tentative short terms assessment and measurable indicators of a «desirable level» of States' commitment:*
  - negotiating substantive global progress (Final Outcome document)
  - making the exchange of information on good practices in PoA implementation counts and effective



## **Second expectation: identification of new implementing strategies of the PoA**

- *Purpose*: refreshing and energizing the implementation process of the PoA
- *Tentative* «long terms» *assessment indicators* of the willingness of States to find out new common implementing strategies of the PoA:
  - i) the impact of the so called “bottom-up approach” on BMS7:
    - notion and sources: Food for Thought Paper by the UN Secretariat (2018); SG's Report on SALW (2019); PoA BMS Chair document (2021); BMS7 provisional Agenda (2021)



# Second expectation: identification of new implementing strategies of the PoA

- *Tentative «long terms» assessment indicators* of the willingness of States to find out new common implementing strategies of the PoA:
  - the identification and exploitation of complementarities and synergies among the PoA implementation process and other global small arms review processes (*holistic approach*):
    - i) Civil society actors play a crucial role in advocating for progress towards a holistic implementing approach of the PoA
    - ii) Organizing (with the sponsorship of Member State) side events at BMS7 provide for an excellent opportunity for civil society actors to promote and advocate for an holistic approach in implementing global small arms instruments



# Comparing Global Arms Control Instrument Review Processes: Lessons and Challenges

## Side Event at BMS 7

- **Organizers:**

- Permanent Mission of the Government of Italy to the United Nations (Host)
- Permanent Mission of the Government of Mexico to the United Nations
- Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Osservatorio sulla criminalità organizzata (CROSS)

- **Context and background:**

- 20th anniversary of the UN Programme of Action (PoA) and the Firearms Protocol (FP) supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC), and recent entry into force of the FP Review Mechanism
- Limited debate about the links among different global small arms implementation processes (PoA, ATT and FP)



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- **Aim:** addressing opportunities and challenges, complementarities and potential synergies among global small arms control instrument review processes
- **methodology:** explore the different approaches to follow-up of PoA, ATT and FP, their levels of institutional capacity, their inclusiveness and transparency, and the substantive of the on-going review processes and implementation at the UN and national levels



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- **Format:** Panel discussion
- **Speakers:**
  - Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Chair, Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (facilitator)
  - Antonio Balsamo, Adviser to the Permanent Representative to United Nations (Vienna)
  - Representative of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations (tba)
  - Isaac Morales, Coordinator for Multidimensional Security from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Christian Ponti, CROSS, University of Milan
  - Emile LeBrun, Kennis: Knowledge for Safety and Good Governance
  - Allison Pytlak, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
  - Katja Boettcher, Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in New York
- **Registration:**
  - Alliance Website: <https://crimealliance.org/events/view.php?id=92> (the link will be sent immediately)
- **When:** Wednesday 28 July 2021 – 13:15 – 14:45 EDT– Webex

Thank you!

