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### **UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament Assists Cambodia in Building National Capacity to Control Small Arms and Light Weapons**

New York, 6 December 2016 (Office for Disarmament Affairs) – The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and the Government of Cambodia are organizing a national workshop on building capacity for controlling of small arms and light weapons (SALW), on 7-8 December 2016, in Phnom Penh. Approximately 20 Government officials from various ministries and agencies involved in SALW control, as well as international experts and representatives from the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, will gather at the event to discuss and exchange experiences, practices and insight on this important issue.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for the national officials to reflect with international experts on Cambodia's national legislation on SALW control and how it relates to international instruments, particularly the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW. The event also aims to foster capacity on technical SALW-control aspects, especially marking, tracing and recordkeeping, as well as physical security and stockpile management. Furthermore, information will be provided on key SALW control instruments and tools, and opportunities for further support with their implementation will be introduced.

A focus of the workshop is the importance of and ways to advancing national coordination and developing a national action plan for enhancing the capacity on SALW control. The content and relevance of the Arms Trade Treaty will also be presented and discussed.

The workshop is made possible through the financial support from the Government of Germany.

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