**CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION**

**PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT COURSE**

*in cooperation with*

*the Verification Centre of the Federal Republic of Germany and*

*the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), USA*

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### Dates
08-12 November 2010

### Venue
RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia, and the facilities of the Croatian Armed Forces (for practical exercise).

### Background
Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and the existing surplus and shelf life exceeded stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (CA) pose significant hazards to people, the environment and the security of countries. International organizations have addressed this challenge in several initiatives aiming at improvement of the situation through international cooperation and assistance. One of the main areas where further efforts should be made is Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM).

In order to promote the proper management and security of national stockpiles in the SEE Region, RACVIAC, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Verification Centre of the Federal Republic of Germany, are organizing a PSSM Executive Management Course (PSSM Level-2).

The Republic of Austria and the Federal Republic of Germany will sponsor the course.

### Purpose & Objectives
The purpose of the course is to train executive managers to assess national stockpiles, operational procedures, and infrastructure and provide ways for potential improvements to security and management, as well as to introduce best international practices in Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM).

Objectives are:

- To train experts in executing their professional tasks;
- To provide profound experiences to executive authorities;
- To highlight main challenges in stockpile management;
- To deepen contacts between representatives of national organizations and agencies engaged in PSSM.

### Participants
Participants from RACVIAC core and associated members, employees of governmental organizations and agencies involved (or planned to be involved) in the management of national stockpiles of SALW/CA are particularly welcome to attend the course. This Level 2 – Executive Management Course is designed for mid to high-level officials with management responsibility.

Lecturers represent DTRA, the Verification Centre of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Republic of Austria.

### Methodology
This course will last five days and is designed as a combination of theoretical lectures/presentations and practical exercises.

Briefings and other classroom activities are intended to acquaint participants with international standards and best practices for the storage, transportation, security, and stockpile management of CA and SALW.

The practical exercise allows participants to evaluate a weapon/ammunition storage area and compare the existing conditions to the international best practices discussed during the seminar. At the end of the course a CD will be distributed with materials related to the course.

The course working language will be English. STANAG – 3332 level or equivalent knowledge of English is required.

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