Regional Commodity Identification Training for Military and Dual-Use Goods
16-18 July 2013, Rakitje, Croatia

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**Background**

With the industrial pressure in today’s free world economy it is getting more and more difficult for the States parties to the relevant international documents to meet the increasing requirements and obligations set by the provisions agreed upon in these documents. Controlling strategic trade presents a serious challenge to the States. According to the UNSCR 1540, States must develop and maintain mechanisms to monitor, license and control import and export of strategic controlled commodities. In order to achieve that goal and successfully implement the Resolution, cooperation between licensing officials and customs agencies is crucial. The States have also agreed to combat illicit trafficking of SALW by adopting and implementing effective national export control as well as border and customs mechanisms and to enhance co-operation and information exchange among law enforcement and customs agencies on all levels, as outlined in the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW).

Therefore, the Secretariat of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), together with the EU Outreach Export Controls for Dual Use Goods, U.S. Department of Energy and RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation is organizing a **Regional Commodity Identification Training for Military and Dual-Use Goods** on 16-18 July 2013 in Rakitje, Croatia.

**Purpose & Objectives**

The Regional Commodity Identification Training for Military and Dual-Use Goods is a follow up event of the Regional Workshop on Customs Procedures and Licensing Issuance: Integrating the National Processing of Dual Use Goods and Conventional Weapons through Information Sharing held from 25-27 October 2011 in Rakitje, Croatia. Encouraged by the success of the mentioned workshop, the training will be focusing on the commodity identification and promotion of inter-agency and regional co-operation among licensing offices and customs services with a view to fight the proliferation of illicit weapons and dual-use goods. The training will contribute to promoting the implementation of the UNSCR 1540 and OSCE Document on SALW as well as reinforcing the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept that promotes threat mitigation with the least possible restriction posed on trade and transport. The event will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about effective international and national practices, share their own national experience as well as hear and discuss examples of dealing with concrete cases.
Participants  The organisers of the training event will be able to cover travel, board and lodging expenses for up to four (4) representatives from each State: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as for one (1) representative from: Greece, Romania, Turkey. Given the topic and the format of the workshop, the organizers would particularly like to encourage the following participants:

1) Two (2) licensing officials
2) Two (2) front-line customs officer

Methodology  The event will be structured into three (3) segments. First being the introductory topical presentations, followed by hands-on group exercises and in the end a facilitated discussion. The working language will be English.

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* Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.