Options for enhanced funding of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument

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Options for:
I. the enhanced funding of activities relating to the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including trust fund arrangements;

II. Options for [...] the training of relevant officials, nominated by their respective Governments [...]
I. Options for enhanced funding

Principles

• If from UN regular budget: specific GA mandate;
• UN budget cycle: 2016-'17, 2018-'19, 2020-'21, etc.
BMS6 (2016) >> GA resolution ‘16 >> budget 2018-'19
• Extra-budgetary funds: donors determine spending;
• Implementation as close to the ground as possible;
• Use existing mechanisms.
A. Improve existing trust funds
To explore, in cooperation with relevant regional and international organizations, [...] means of ensuring the sustainability of assistance, including by improving trust fund arrangements [...]
Existing commitments (2)

B. Establishing a voluntary multi-donor facility

RevCon2, 2012
UNSCAR

• Since 2013
• 28 projects, in all regions
• > $4 million
• Each donor is on the Strategic Planning Group
• Projects on border security; stockpile management; advocacy; legislative capacity, etc.
UNSCAR (2)

- Implemented through UN partners, regional organizations, NGOs, research institutes
- Cap of $200,000 per project
- Coordination between projects
- Special circumstances projects
- Call for Proposals 2015-'16 open until 24 July
C. Voluntary sponsorship fund (participation)

Encourage States in a position to do so [...] to provide financial assistance through a voluntary sponsorship fund [...] to enable States that are otherwise unable to do so to participate in meetings of the Programme of Action

RevCon2, 2012
Other options for enhanced funding (1)

- UNDP, UNICEF, UNMAS, UN Women:
  - various trust funds including on Crisis prevention & recovery, Human security, Peace building, To end violence against women, and country trust funds

- UNODC: Global Firearms Programme

- World Customs Organization
Other options for enhanced funding (2)

Post-2015 agenda

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development [...] 

Target 16.1: Significantly reduce all forms of violence [...] 

Target 16.4: By 2030, significantly reduce illicit [...] arms flows [...]

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Other options for enhanced funding (3)

• UN peacekeeping missions

• 3 UN regional centres for Peace and Disarmament

• Support for regional organizations
Other options for enhanced funding (3)

- Support for regional organizations
  - Include in sponsorship programme?
  - Session at PoA meetings?

- Bilateral funding
- Bilateral technical cooperation, incl. South-South
II. Options for training of officials

- Identify nationally the type of training needed
- (Regionally where relevant)
- Where possible train nationally, inter-agency
- Identify most relevant training partner
  - Specialized UN agencies
  - UN regional centres
  - UNSCAR
  - Regional organizations
  - Bilateral programmes
If you want to go quickly, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.

African proverb