

SIDE EVENT

TRACING THE UNTRACEABLE

AMMUNITION DIVERSION TRACEABILITY



WHERE

Location
UNHQ, New York
Room
CR5



WHEN

Date
**Wednesday,
25 June 2025**



TIME

Panel discussion
13:15 – 14:30
Technology exhibit
15:00 – 18:00



United Nations Office
for Disarmament Affairs



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Expressing grave concern over the risks posed by the diversion of conventional ammunition of all types and calibres to unauthorized recipients, including criminals, organized criminal groups and terrorists, their trafficking into illicit markets, including their subsequent use in the manufacture of improvised explosive devices, as well as their contribution to the intensity and duration of armed conflict, armed violence, including gender-based armed violence, around the world, and the threat that their diversion and illicit trafficking poses to peace, security, stability, and sustainable development at the national, subregional, regional and global levels."

– Opening paragraph, Global Framework on Conventional Ammunition



EVENT DETAILS

On the occasion of the Preparatory Meeting of States of the Global Framework on the Through-life Management of Conventional Ammunition (GFA), Conflict Armament Research (CAR), in cooperation with the European Union, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, the German Federal Foreign Office, and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, is convening a panel dialogue to share technical insights to operationalise the security objectives of the GFA in preventing, mitigating, and responding to ammunition diversion.

It seeks to demonstrate ways to enhance ammunition traceability in line with the GFA's objectives, from field documentation, identification, record-keeping, profiling, tracing, to application of technological solutions. Following the panel discussion, the side-event will remain open for delegations to learn further about new technological developments in ammunition diversion traceability, interact with physical demonstrations of cutting-edge technologies in action, and explore their potential applications in national and regional contexts.

The side-event, including the technology exhibit, is open to participants of the Preparatory Meeting of the GFA, and will be held in English.

THE PANEL

WELCOME REMARK

Marthinus van Schalkwyk

Chair of the 2025 Preparatory Meeting and 2027 Meeting of States on the GFA, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations in New York

AMMUNITION MARKING AND TRACEABILITY, EXPERIENCE FROM BRAZIL

Érika Campos

Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in New York

DOCUMENTING, TRACING, AND ANALYSING DIVERTED AMMUNITION, A FRONTLINE PERSPECTIVE

Ashley Hamer

Conflict Armament Research

DATA COLLECTION AND INFORMATION SHARING ON AMMUNITION DIVERSION, A REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Nicolas Florquin

Small Arms Survey

LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION TO INVESTIGATE AMMUNITION DIVERSION

Joaquim Rodrigues

INTERPOL (video-recorded intervention)

CONCLUDING REMARK

Michal Karczmarz

Chair of the European Union Council's Working Group on Conventional Arms Export

MODERATOR

James Bevan

Chief Executive Officer, Conflict Armament Research



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