



ROADMAP

for Implementing The **Caribbean** Priority Actions on the Illicit Proliferation of Firearms and Ammunition across the **Caribbean** in a Sustainable Manner by 2030

GOAL 1 Reinforce regulatory frameworks governing firearms and ammunition

	TARGET	ACTIONS
1.1	Universal adherence to relevant regional and/or international firearms instruments	<p>1.1.1 Ratify, accede or otherwise support relevant regional and/or international instruments (UN 2001 PoA, ITI, Firearms Protocol, ATT, CIFTA Convention)</p> <p>1.1.2 Comply with reporting obligations in a consistent manner as applicable (UN 2001 PoA, ATT, etc.)</p>
1.2	Ensure that firearms legislation, policies and institutional frameworks are in place	<p>1.2.1 Harmonize domestic legislation on firearms with international instruments signed and ratified by States</p> <p>1.2.2 Update Firearms Act and relevant norms and regulations</p> <p>1.2.3 Cross-reference/harmonize firearms legislation with domestic violence prevention legal provisions</p> <p>1.2.4 Develop and enforce specialized legislation to regulate the use of firearms by the private security sector</p>
1.3	Establishment of national commissions, inter-ministerial meetings and/or task forces on trans-national organized crime, specifically with respect to arms trafficking to facilitate national coordination, as well as international cooperation and ensure compliance with relevant international frameworks and treaties	<p>1.3.1 Develop National Firearms Action Plan (NAP) aligned with Caribbean Firearms Roadmap</p> <p>1.3.2 Designate Firearms Focal Points to oversee the implementation of the NAP and Roadmap</p> <p>1.3.3 Establish a Caribbean Oversight Committee and monitoring mechanism to ensure implementation of recommended Caribbean Priority Actions on Addressing Illicit Trafficking of Firearms</p>
1.4	Enforcement of existing import and export control laws on firearms	<p>1.4.1 Create a national regulatory body to oversee arms imports, transfers and exports</p> <p>1.4.2 Adopt a licensing system and protocols</p> <p>1.4.3 Create and adopt import/export evaluation tools</p> <p>1.4.4 Augment staff to implement import and export firearms control law where such staff is lacking</p>



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Reduce the illicit flow of firearms and ammunition into, within and beyond the region

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2.1	Enhance national capacity of competent law enforcement, defence, customs officials and security forces responsible for border controls	<p>2.1.1 Develop and/or enhance training in surveillance and firearms detection at the ports and border crossings</p> <p>2.1.2 Train in interdiction and identification of firearms, ammunition, parts and components</p> <p>2.1.3 Enhance interdiction trainings at ports and border crossings</p> <p>2.1.4 Reduce backlog of firearms-related open cases</p>
2.2	Advance operational coordination on combating firearms and ammunition trafficking among the Dominican Republic, CARICOM states, the United States of America and other international partners	<p>2.2.1 Establish vetted law enforcement units responsible for investigating firearms trafficking and related firearm crimes and undertake international cooperation in this regard</p> <p>2.2.2 Consider establishing national joint interagency task forces (JITF) with membership beyond the Military and Police Forces to ensure coordination on interdiction (including weapons and parts, smuggling techniques, etc.)</p>





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Bolster law enforcement capacity to combat illicit firearms and ammunition trafficking and their illicit possession and misuse

	TARGET	ACTIONS
3.1	Strengthen national infrastructure and practices to process intelligence leads with a view to successfully prosecute traffickers in accordance with domestic law	<p>3.1.1 Trace all recovered firearms</p> <p>3.1.2 Implement a Firearms Recovery Protocol guiding the procedures to be applied for each recovered firearm</p> <p>3.1.3 Implement an inter-institutional Firearms Investigation Unit/Team to facilitate investigations and tracing</p> <p>3.1.4 Create and/or enhance domestic software/ e-platforms to facilitate intelligence gathering, information exchange among national and regional law enforcement entities and crime mapping</p> <p>3.1.5 Establish a national joint interagency task forces (JITF) with membership beyond the Military and Police Forces to ensure coordination of investigations and tracing (including weapons and parts, smuggling techniques, etc.)</p> <p>3.1.6 Enhance interdiction/seizures investigations and capabilities at ports, border crossings, etc.</p> <p>3.1.7 Address and reduce backlog of ballistic cases without investigations</p> <p>3.1.8 Integrate ballistic investigation to intelligence gathering</p> <p>3.1.9 Train judges, solicitors and judicial/investigative police, public/police prosecutors and police officers on relevant regulations and basic firearms identification aimed at reducing impunity in firearms-related cases</p> <p>3.1.10 Identify and implement specialized training for criminal investigators, judges, public/ police prosecutors</p> <p>3.1.11 Offer specialized forensic investigation with gender perspectives</p>
3.2	Strengthen investigative and prosecutorial approaches to address illicit trafficking, possession and use of firearms	<p>3.2.1 Collect and analyze firearms and related criminal justice data, to develop intelligence, enhance understanding and monitor illicit trafficking flows, and support information exchange and international cooperation among and between law enforcement units or focal points.</p> <p>3.2.2 Enhance techniques to link firearms trafficking cases with other crimes, in particular, transnational organized crime or terrorism</p>
3.3	Promote more effective channels of cooperation in criminal matters, both at law enforcement and judicial levels, to counter firearms trafficking cases	<p>3.3.1 Establish communication and periodic meetings among ballistics experts in the region to share experiences, best practices and conduct research in forensic ballistics</p>





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3.4	Promote more effective channels of cooperation between and among countries to address firearms trafficking routes and modalities and firearms-related criminal acts	<p>3.4.1 Institutionalize the collaboration among states with Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) and non-IBIS and states with double-casting capability, to retrieve and enter ballistic evidence on national Automated Ballistics Identification Systems (ABIS)</p> <p>3.4.2 Initiate firearms tracing requests from partner countries by using eTrace and INTERPOL's iARMS and upload national records of lost and/or stolen firearms to develop a picture of trafficking trends (tracing management system, database of lost and stolen firearms and those suspected of being trafficked or smuggled)</p> <p>3.4.3 Query iARMS for all seized/recovered illicit firearms</p> <p>3.4.4 Optimize the use of RIBIN (Regional Integrated Ballistic Information Network) and IBIN (INTERPOL Ballistic Information Network IBIN) to uncover connections between crime scenes nationally, regionally and internationally</p> <p>3.4.5 Formulate an arrangement between CARICOM and the United States of America to cooperate in the sharing of firearm and ballistic information</p> <p>3.4.6 Consistently enter ballistic evidence into national automated ballistics identification systems in a timely manner, in order to identify firearms utilized in crimes of violence domestically, regionally, and internationally</p>
3.5	Enhance the ability of States to identify the movement of firearms and ammunition through the region and to undertake risk assessments	<p>3.5.1 Participate in regional security systems, such as the Advance Passenger Information System (APIS), the Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS) and the CARICOM Watch-List System</p>
3.6	Development - as appropriate - of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the various law enforcement agencies to advance implementation of international commitments	<p>3.6.1 Enact the necessary national legislation and introduce the necessary administrative measures to derive benefits of the Caribbean Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT), which - among other benefits - will facilitate cooperation among States in the investigation and prosecution of serious crimes</p> <p>3.6.2 Sign and ratify the CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty (CAWT) while supplementing current extradition systems</p>





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Systematically decrease the risk of diversion of firearms and ammunition from government- and non-government-owned arsenals

	TARGET	ACTIONS
4.1	Ensure safe and secure firearms and ammunition storage facilities and management practices in accordance with international guidelines (MOSAIC, UN SaferGuard's IATG)	<p>4.1.1 Secure existing national stockpiles in keeping with international guidelines and standards</p> <p>4.1.2 Conduct periodic reviews and audits of national stockpiles and establish a peer review mechanism for voluntary inspections</p> <p>4.1.3 Incorporate internationally-based standards into national stockpile management practices</p> <p>4.1.4 Refurbish/improve national storage site(s)</p> <p>4.1.5 Train on PSSM</p> <p>4.1.6 Create/update national weapons inventories</p> <p>4.1.7 Offer periodic training on armoury management</p> <p>4.1.8 Increase oversight and training for the private security sector (PSS) in PSSM</p>
4.2	Enhance system for record-keeping and tracing purposes	<p>4.2.1 Uniquely mark all firearms at point of manufacture, import and seized firearms retained for official use, in accordance with the requirements of the International Tracing Instrument</p> <p>4.2.2 Consider adopting regional standardize marking protocols for firearms, ammunition and explosives</p>
4.3	Prevent the re-circulation of illicit firearms and ammunition and their potential supply to unauthorized users	<p>4.3.1 Destroy surplus, seized, obsolete and/or confiscated firearms, ammunition and/or explosives in keeping with national and international guidelines and international frameworks</p> <p>4.3.2 Invest in equipment for independent and ongoing firearms and ammunition destructions</p> <p>4.3.3 Train on firearms and/or ammunition destruction procedures in line with internationally-accepted standards</p>





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Complementary actions in direct support of Agenda 2030 (SDG 16.4)

TARGET	ACTIONS
Promote implementation of Agenda 2030 (SDG 16.4)	<p>Designate responsibility for collecting on data related to SDG 16.4.2 ('Proportion of seized, found or surrendered arms whose illicit origin or context has been traced or established by a competent authority in line with international instruments') to a national agency or ministry responsible for firearms regulation or to a national statistics office</p> <p>Designate responsibility for reporting on data related to SDG 16.4.2 to a national agency or ministry responsible for firearms regulation or to a national statistics office</p> <p>Contribute to the global process of developing indicators for SDG.4 while maintaining methodological consistency with global data collection and support the participation in the UN Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire (IAFQ)</p> <p>Consistently engage in data collection/ establish procedures for data flows to national statistical offices from national law enforcement agencies/national focal points on firearms</p> <p>Offer data collection training to national authorities and associate with international partner to facilitate collection process</p>

