

Country: Spain

Committee: DISEC

Topic: Impact of illegal arms trade routes to the Sahel region and the surrounding states



## Introduction

Spain is aware of the serious impact of illicit arms trade routes on the Sahel region and neighboring states. As a responsible member of the international community, Spain is committed to addressing this complex issue.

## Current Situation

The proliferation of illicit arms in the Sahel region aggravates existing conflicts and poses a serious threat to regional stability. This illicit trade fuels violence, terrorism and organized crime and hinders peace and development efforts.

## Spain's Position

**Multilateral Cooperation:** Spain stresses the importance of cooperation between affected countries, regional organizations and the international community to effectively combat illicit arms trafficking.

**Border Security Enhancement:** Spain advocates the strengthening of border security measures, including enhanced surveillance and capacity-building initiatives, to prevent arms trafficking across borders in the Sahel region.

**Disarmament Initiatives:** Spain supports disarmament efforts, including disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit weapons and addressing the root causes of conflict in the Sahel.

Humanitarian Assistance: Spain reaffirms its commitment to providing humanitarian aid and support to populations affected by the consequences of illegal arms trade, including refugees and internally displaced persons.

## Conclusion

Spain acknowledges the complexity of addressing the impact of illegal arms trade routes in the Sahel region but remains dedicated to working with the international community to find sustainable solutions. By fostering cooperation and implementing comprehensive strategies, Spain believes we can mitigate the negative effects of illicit arms trafficking and contribute to lasting peace and security in the Sahel and its surrounding states.

Thank you.