



Delegation of the Republic of South Africa

Disarmament and International Security Committee

Impact of Illegal Arms Trade Routes to the Sahel Region and the Surrounding States

As instability and conflict continues to ravage the Sahel region, the issue of the illegal arms trade arises as an important topic for the international community to address. Illegal arms have fueled the various Wars, Insurgencies and Crises in the region such as the Mali War and have resulted in vast harm against civilian populations.

the Republic of South Africa is committed to efforts of curbing the trafficking of weapons and munitions in the Region and their impacts on the states which fall victim to them such as our support of the Arms Trade Treaty and other UN actions on the issue.

The issue at hand requires joint cooperation between states and the international community in providing frameworks to ensure significant reduction in the volume of illegal arms flowing into the Sahel Region and mitigation of its effects in the area. In order to achieve these objectives certain measures should be focused on such as implementation of legislation regulating the arms trade, strengthening border security in order to prevent smuggling between states, education initiatives, aid from the international community, oversight and implementation assistance and more.

Another important solution is empowering African nations to be able to be self-reliant in the future with matter of national security, fixing the material conditions that result in instability and being freed of exploitation by foreign powers.

We, as the Republic of South Africa hope to help achieve an multilateral agreement that emphasises our goals and will result in increased security both continentally and internationally