

**Statement by Brig. Javed Iqbal Cheema, Director General, Ministry of Interior,  
Pakistan at the UN Conference to Review Progress made in the Implementation of  
the Program of Action to prevent Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW  
in all its Aspects (June 28, 2006)**

**Mr. President,**

My delegation warmly congratulates you on your election as President of this Review Conference. We acknowledge with appreciation your skills and acumen in carrying out the consultations including on the draft final document for this Conference. I assure you of our full support and cooperation in ensuring the success of this important undertaking.

**Mr. President**

2. Five years ago, the adoption of the Programme of Action represented a political commitment by all States to address concerns arising from the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons. Today, we reaffirm that commitment to fully implement the PoA.

3. Since 2001, Pakistan has pursued a proactive policy to combat and eradicate the illicit small arms and light weapons. We have submitted two comprehensive National Reports which lay out in detail the national policy framework as well as actions and our contribution to the Implementation of the Programme of Action at the regional and international level.

**Mr. President,**

4. This Conference has a clear mandate from the General Assembly i.e. to review the progress made in the implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in all its aspects. We shall work constructively with other delegations on the basis of this mandate.

5. The Programme of Action outlined a broad range of actions to be taken by States at the national, regional and international levels. International assistance and cooperation was determined as a key tool to promote national, regional and global efforts. As many delegations have noted before me, indeed much progress has been achieved by States in the last five years in implementing their commitments under the PoA.

**Mr. President**

6. Twice since 2001, more than 100 National Reports were submitted by States. Over 130 points of national contacts have been designated to coordinate activities related to SALW. A vast majority of States have reported progress in putting together various legislative and administrative frameworks; large numbers of illicit weapons have been collected and destroyed; the security of stockpile management enhanced and record-