



## **UN REGIONAL DISARMAMENT CENTRE SUPPORTS MYANMAR TO BUILD CAPACITY IN SMALL ARMS CONTROL**

New York, 15 May - (Office for Disarmament Affairs) - The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) is cooperating with the Government of Myanmar to organize a two-day workshop in Nay Pyi Taw on 15, 16 May 2014 to assist government agencies involved in small arms and light weapons control to effectively implement the UN Programme of Action (UN PoA) to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons.

The workshop will gather around 50 government officials across the security sector to discuss the policy and technical issues of implementing the UN PoA, including topics from relevant international and regional instruments to the safe management of stockpiles of weapons and ammunition. The convening of the workshop provides a good opportunity to share best practices between local officials as well as with participating international experts.

Supported by the Government of Germany and financially by the Government of Switzerland, the workshop is organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence of Myanmar.

The UN Programme of Action is a globally agreed framework for activities to counter the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons. Since the adoption of the instrument in 2001, the UN has worked to support the implementation of the UN PoA at national, regional, and international levels. The implementation of the UN PoA is followed through national reports voluntarily submitted by UN Member States. To date, 23 out of the 43 states in the Asia-Pacific region, covered by the mandate of UNRCPD, have submitted national implementation reports.

For further information, please contact UNRCPD at tel.: +977 1 501 0257, fax.: +977 1 501 0223, e-mail: [info@unrcpd.org](mailto:info@unrcpd.org).