



## WESTERN BALKANS REGIONAL SALW PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR 01 November 2006, Belgrade

### Conclusions

On 01 November 2006, Members of Parliaments from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia participated in a regional seminar organised by SEESAC. The seminar is a component of the European Union Western Balkans SALW Control Support Plan implemented by SEESAC.

The seminar had the following components: EU Policies for SALW Control; European Parliament's involvement in SALW Control; parliamentary responsibilities and mechanisms for SALW Control; and exchange of information about SALW Control situation in the Western Balkans.

The members of the Western Balkans Parliaments agreed upon commencing regional parliamentary co-operation in the area of SALW. The co-operation will result first in establishing a Regional Parliamentary Forum for SALW that will be responsible for preparing the agenda for parliamentary SALW Control engagement. The main goal of the Regional Parliamentary Forum on SALW may initially be to work towards achieving harmonization of SALW Control legislation in the Western Balkans. The Speakers/Presidents of the Western Balkans Parliaments will be informed about this initiative and asked to assist in the preparatory process. The parliamentarians agreed to convene the inaugural meeting of the Regional Parliamentary Forum on SALW in early spring 2007. This regional parliamentary initiative will co-ordinate its activities with the work conducted by the Swedish based NGO 'Parliamentary Forum on SALW'.

SEESAC will act as a Secretariat for the Regional Parliamentary Forum on SALW. SEESAC will establish the position of a focal point for regional parliamentary activities and provide technical and financial assistance for the inaugural meeting in early spring 2007. This will be co-ordinated with the Parliamentary Forum for SALW based in Stockholm. A Liaison Officer for the Secretariat has been appointed in SEESAC ([ana.martinovic@undp.org](mailto:ana.martinovic@undp.org)), and work has commenced on the development of a website for the Regional Forum to act as an information exchange and reference mechanism.

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