PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

UN SaferGuard
Securing ammunition, protecting lives

Arabic UN SaferGuard Validation Exercise

In collaboration with UNODA, on 18–21 July AMAT organised the Arabic UN SaferGuard Validation Exercise to avail high quality and IATG compatible advice and services in Arabic, and to further populate the UN SaferGuard roster of experts in the Middle East and North Africa region. Following the validation, six candidates proved their competencies to be included in the SaferGuard roster - a pool of specialists who provide advice, training and technical services in ammunition safety and security management, based on the IATG.

Standardised Assessment Methodology

In August, AMAT piloted the Standardised Assessment Methodology (SAM) in Peru, in a joint assessment mission of ammunition storage areas with the Peruvian Ministry of Defence and Army. The trial enabled the SAM to be practically tested for suitability and effectiveness as well as to identify logistics and training needs required for implementing the toolset in different countries, providing crucial feedback to the project team. In September, the project team came together to review and amend the technical tools based on the feedback from the practical application of SAM, and to develop and agree on a roadmap for finalising the tools.

Open-ended Working Group on Conventional Ammunition

On 15–19 August, the second session of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on conventional ammunition management was organised at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. AMAT was pleased to be allowed to actively contribute to this multilateral, all-important process through focus discussions and exchange of knowledge with key states and organisations, and by organising a side-event entitled "Innovation and action in through-life ammunition management: analysis, concepts, methods, and tools".

Fit-for-purpose Inventory Management System for States to Use

In August, with support from UK FCDO/CPACC, AMAT started a new project aiming to produce a comprehensive, user-friendly, secure and IATG-compatible inventory management system for conventional ammunition. Effective inventory management is a key prerequisite for stockpile security. The goal of this project is therefore to support states with a fit-for-purpose inventory management system to reduce the risk of ammunition diversion from national stockpiles. This system will be freely available to interested states via UN SaferGuard and AMAT websites.

A-MAP

Ammunition Management Activity Platform

In September, AMAT launched the Ammunition Management Activity Platform (A-MAP), a global knowledge hub in ammunition management activities and support. The A-MAP is designed for information exchange and to facilitate coordination among states providing and receiving assistance and states and organisations implementing ammunition management. The A-MAP contains interactive maps, country dashboards and tools for users to take advantage of, including request for advice and services. The interactive functions will allow for a greater collaboration and coordination between stakeholders and the international assistance become more complementary and coherent – towards safe, secure and sustainable through-life management systems. The platform is available at: https://a-map.gichd.org/.

NATO | OTAN

NATO Handbook on Building Integrity in LCM of SALW and Ammunition

AMAT submitted the framing document for the NATO Handbook for Building Integrity (BI) in SALW and Ammunition Management. This document will serve as the working outline for the Handbook which will be drafted in 2023.

ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND PARTNERS

PERU

In August, AMAT conducted safety and security assessments of ammunition storage areas in the Northeast, Northwest and South of Peru as per the IATG. This activity was agreed by Peruvian Ministry of Defence (MoD) and was carried out by a joint team comprising officials from the MoD, the Army and AMAT. The assessment results were presented at the MoD. The discussions were direct, greatly helping to identify national strengths to be consolidated, and challenges to be overcome, as well as capability gaps to be closed in ammunition management, to meet the requirements set out in the IATG while fulfilling operational needs of the country. AMAT's consulting Latin America technical advisor delivered 7th IATG Introductory Course for 29 officers representing Peruvian Army, Air Force and National Police.

NORTH MACEDONIA

In support of the EU Council Decision 2018/1788 implementing the South-Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC) Regional Roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking, AMAT provided technical assistance to SEESAC's efforts to improve the stockpile management capacity of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) of North Macedonia. The team conducted a thorough risk assessment exercise in nine explosives and ammunition storage locations around North Macedonia, to accurately determine the explosive limit licenses (ELL) in accordance with IATG 02.10. The assessments were followed by debriefings with MoI officials.

AAMVS | Arms & Ammunition Management **Validation System** — Funded by [EU]

Project Phase II
During the third quarter, AMAT's consultant team continued to research features and develop options for the AAMVS. AMAT accelerated the project outreach by organising, and participating in, several multilateral and regional events promoting the AAMVS concept and gathering experts' knowledge to ensure the relevance and optimise the effectiveness of the AAMVS.

OEWG side-event on 16 August
During the OEWG second session, AMAT's project team presented the latest EU AAMVS developments and discussed options for an AAMVS with several states.

ATT CSP 8 side-event on 25 August
AMAT participated in the 8th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty on 22–26 August and with EU's sponsorship, co-organised a side-event with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG). The side-event discussed the importance of effective arms and ammunition management practice and policy in diversion prevention: one of the ATT's objectives.