

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the
Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council
Elements towards an EU Strategy against illicit Firearms, Small Arms & Light Weapons
and their ammunition “Securing Arms, Protecting Citizens”
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The Chamber of Deputies:

- supports any form of fight, in the context of the international agreements and of the arrangements undertaken at EU level, against the threats represented by illicit firearms, knowing the link between organised crime and terrorism;
- supports the necessity of certain indicators for achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals to significantly reduce illicit arms flows by 2030;
- supports the standard clause on the control of arms and ammunitions in the partnerships and trade agreements of the EU;
- recommends increasing the support of the EU for its neighbouring countries (Middle East, Northern Africa and other neighbouring countries) and identifying synergies with African regional organisation; supports the reduction of the illicit trade in arms from the Eastern border of the Union;
- recommends educative measures at the level of the European population and training the personnel from the area of public order regarding arms and ammunition trafficking;
- underlines that marking of arms and amunnition is essential for their traceability.