

## GLOSSARY AND ACRONYMS

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BMS	United Nations First Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects (2003)
CEDAW	The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (1979)
DPKO	United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
Gender	Socially constructed roles and socially learned behaviour and expectations associated with females and males. Women and men are biologically different, but all cultures interpret and elaborate these innate differences into a set of social expectations about what rights, resources and power they possess.
Gender Equality	Gender equality is defined in terms of equality under the law, equality of opportunity (including equality of rewards for work and equality in access to human capital and other productive resources that provide opportunity) and equality of voice (the ability to influence and contribute to the development process).

Gender Main-streaming	“Mainstreaming a gender perspective is the process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programmes, in all areas and at all levels. It is a strategy for making women’s as well as men’s concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated. The ultimate goal is to achieve gender equality”. (ECOSOC, 1997/2)
IANSA	International Action Network on Small Arms
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
PoA	Programme of Action, established at the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (2001)
SALW	Small Arms and Light Weapons
UN	United Nations
UNDDA	United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs
UNIFEM	United Nations Fund for Women