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The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, annexed to A/CONF.192/2024/RC/3.

In paragraph 199, States in a position to do so are encouraged to contribute, among other funding mechanisms, to the UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR). In paragraph 212, States requested the Secretariat to, inter alia, promote UNSCAR as a support mechanism for States to access and encourage projects in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

UNSCAR was established in 2013 to support quick-impact, small-scale, theme-focused projects that promote small arms and ammunition control, transparency in armaments, the arms trade, and other conventional arms issues. A total of 133 UNSCAR projects have been implemented to date, amounting to US\$13 million and benefitting 148 countries. UNSCAR is administered by UNODA in partnership with civil society organizations and supported by 17 donor countries.

During the annual Call for Proposals held in August and September 2025, a record-high number of 103 applications were submitted. With a view to supporting an increased number of projects, with a target of funding approximately 20 projects in the 2025-2026 cycle and ensuring the upcoming 2026 Call for Proposals, UNODA would like to invite States to provide financial contributions to UNSCAR. Donor countries will join the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) of UNSCAR, provide strategic guidance to its operations, and participate in the selection of annual proposals to be funded. Past recipient countries of UNSCAR projects are also encouraged to financially contribute to UNSCAR, join the SPG and leverage their investment in international assistance through South-South cooperation.

Please refer to the annexed UNSCAR proposal and Call for Contributions 2025-2026 and contact UNODA at unscar-unoda@un.org for any inquiries regarding potential financial contribution to UNSCAR and participation in its SPG.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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