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The Permanent Missions of Switzerland and Mexico, as well as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are delighted to invite you to attend a Side Event on **Armed Violence Reduction** to be held during the Second Review Conference of the UN Programme of Action (UN PoA) to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/15) in New York.

Wednesday 5 September 2012, 1.15 – 2.30pm

*Conference Room E
North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters*

The illicit circulation of small arms and light weapons destabilizes communities, and impacts security and development in all regions of the world. The UN PoA contains concrete suggestions for improved national legislation and controls, and international assistance and cooperation. Recognizing that the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects exacerbates violence, the Side Event will focus on the link between armed violence reduction and arms control.

The specific programme for the Side Event will follow.

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