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PRESS RELEASE

Training of Trainers Workshop on the Inter-Institutional Course for the fight against the Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons and their Ammunition in Africa

The United Nations Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC), with the support of the Cameroonian authorities, will organise a Training of Trainers Workshop on the Inter-Institutional Course for the fight against the Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and their Ammunition in Africa. This workshop will take place Djeuga Palace Hotel from 24 to 28 January 2017.

This workshop is financed by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Center (UNCTC) and is part of the national capacity building phase of the project entitled "*Regional Support Project to the Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTITF)*" and is in the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014). The project covers six countries, namely Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Mauritania, Niger and Nigeria.

The United Nations Security Council Resolution 2178 "requests to identify principal gaps in Member States' capacities to implement Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001)..." referring, in particular, to the coordination of efforts in the fight against the established relationship between international terrorism and transnational organised crime. To this end, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) has developed the CTITF project in implementing the Security Council Resolution 2178 with the components on disarmament and non-proliferation of SALW, entrusted to UNREC.

The CTITF project aims to develop a comprehensive and regional approach on the issue of the illicit flows of arms and ammunition acquired by Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF) by providing technical assistance and strengthening the capacities of the beneficiary countries.

The Yaoundé workshop is the second activity to take place further to the first workshop that was held in Abuja, Nigeria from 4 to 5 August 2016. These workshops aim to bring together national and international experts to discuss ways to improve cross-border, sub-regional cooperation in arms control under existing regional disarmament instruments.

For five days, UNREC experts will share their knowledge with and train participants on a wide-range of subjects including; human security and human rights, SALW proliferation, their marking, registration, identification, as well as other practical disarmament measures.

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