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FEU, DES MUNITIONS ET D'AUTRES
MATÉRIELS CONNEXES. BLANTYRE,
14 AOÛT 2001*

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Malawi	24 sept	2002
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Namibie	8 oct	2004
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PROTOCOL

ON

THE CONTROL OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION
AND

OTHER RELATED MATERIALS

IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY (SADC) REGION

PREAMBLE

We, the Heads of State or Government of the:

Republic of Angola
Republic of Botswana
Democratic Republic of Congo
Kingdom of Lesotho
Republic of Malawi
Republic of Mauritius
Republic of Mozambique
Republic of Namibia
Republic of Seychelles
Republic of South Africa
Kingdom of Swaziland
United Republic of Tanzania
Republic of Zambia
Republic of Zimbabwe

CONSIDERING Article 21 of the Treaty which provides for areas of cooperation, Article 22 of the Treaty which provides for the conclusion of Protocols which may be necessary in agreed areas of cooperation and Article 5 of the Treaty which provides for promotion and defence of peace and security as one of the objectives of SADC;

CONSCIOUS that illegal firearms, most commonly used in the perpetration of crime, contribute to the high levels of instability, extended conflict, violence and social dislocation evident in Southern Africa and the African continent as a whole;

AWARE of the urgent need to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit manufacturing of firearms, ammunition and other related materials, and their excessive and destabilising accumulation, trafficking, possession and use, and owing to the harmful effects of those activities on the security of each State and the Region and the danger they pose to the well-being of people in the Region, their social and economic development and their rights to live in peace;

REAFFIRMING that priority should be given to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit manufacturing of firearms, ammunition and other related materials and their excessive and destabilising accumulation, trafficking, possession and use of firearms, because of their links with, *inter alia*, drug trafficking, terrorism, transnational organised crime, mercenary and other violent criminal activities;