

RECSA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

The RECSA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had its 6th meeting in Djibouti on March 14th at the Kempinski Palace hotel. The meeting considered and approved the draft Gender Policy completed in December 2009. The Policy will be forwarded to the Council of Ministers in their next sitting.

In addition, three TAC sub-committees were formed to consider matters of finance and audit, human resource, and planning and operations. The creation of the committees is aimed at enhancing efficiency in the operations of the Secretariat. The meeting also received a report from the Executive Secretary, Dr. Francis K. Sang, on status of implementation of the Nairobi Protocol since the 5th Council of Ministers' meeting held in April 2009.

On 15th March, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Nairobi Declaration on the Problem of the Proliferation of Illegal Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa, TAC members joined RECSA and Djibouti Government officials, civil society and the media in a street march to create awareness on small arms. The celebrations culminated in a public arms destruction ceremony graced by Hon. Yacin Elmi BOUH, the Chairman of the RECSA Council of Ministers. Hon. BOUH is also the Djibouti Minister for Interior.