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INVITATION TO REGIONAL TRAINING ON ARMS MARKING

Nairobi, June 27th, 2008 - In 2005, Member States of the Regional Centre on Small Arms committed themselves to mark all firearms in State possession with unique codes by December 2008. The markings will enable easy tracing of weapons both legal and illegal.

To support Member States in meeting this deadline, RECSA has purchased one electronic marking machine for each country.

A regional training workshop on the use of the machines is planned for **3rd July at Nairobi Safari Club (Lilian Towers)**. The workshop is funded by the US Government. This is the second workshop after a similar one held in Mombasa in April 2008.

Members of the press are invited to cover this meeting. The meeting will be officially opened at 9 a.m. by the Commissioner of Police, Major General Hussein Ali.

During the meeting, RECSA will officially hand over one electronic machine to the Commissioner of Police, during which a demonstration on the use of the machine will be done on firearms supplied by the Kenya Police.

This is a landmark gathering as RECSA is the first regional body to hold such trainings in the ongoing efforts to address the menace of proliferation of illegal small arms and light weapons.

NB: Further information on the seminar can be obtained from the Legal/Legislation Officer, RECSA, Email: bmunube@recsasec.org; Tel: 3877456/3876203 Nairobi