

# UN SaferGuard Programme Validation Process

**Building national capacity through population of a roster of validated experts for the provision of technical support**

# Reviewing the mandate

➤ **2008 Group of Governmental Experts - A/63/182:**

the problem of the accumulation of conventional ammunitions stockpiles in surplus is largely a result of inadequate stockpile management policies and practices

- Need for UN-wide knowledge management platform

➤ **International Ammunition Technical Guidelines:**

- **Developed** in 2011; version 2 released in 2015
- Next update: **2020**
- Mandated by the UN General Assembly

➤ **UN SaferGuard Programme {knowledge management platform}**

- Rolls out the IATG
- Assists implementers to improve the safety and security of ammunition stockpiles

# Quick response mechanism

- Rapidly deploy **ammunition experts** upon request, for technical guidance on the management of ammunition stockpiles, including in the aftermath of unintended explosions of ammunition.
- Welcomed by General Assembly in resolution **68/52**
- Draws upon **UN SaferGuard Roster of Experts**
- Flexible **assistance** mechanism available to States

# Quick response mechanism

- Assistance, *in full compliance with the IATG*, is envisaged across life-cycle activities of conventional ammunition stockpile management, including support in the following areas:
  - stockpile management risk assessment;
  - allocation of resources, information management;
  - human skills development and management training;
  - quality management;
  - the selection and use of effective, appropriate and safe equipment.

# Quick response mechanism

- The aim of this assistance is **short-term**, providing immediate risk mitigation (safety and security of ammunition and explosives) in accordance with the terms of reference of each specific mission.
- **Not** comparable to large-scale PSSM projects
- Seeks not to duplicate, but provide flexible United Nations mechanism to assist interested States

## How has the UN SaferGuard Quick Response Mechanism been used to assist States so far?

- Support the interdiction of dangerous goods in partnership with the World Customs Organization- experts were on stand-by to provide advice or be deployed where required [**operational phase in 2014**]



- Stockpile assessments in countries upon request:



Paraguay



Peru



Togo



Ukraine



United Arab Emirates

# How has the UN SaferGuard Quick Response Mechanism been used to assist States so far? [continued]

- Expert support was provided to Security Council Arms Embargo Monitoring Groups on issues related to seized explosives and specific weapon stockpiles, in particular, to the Monitoring Groups on the DPRK and the Islamic Republic of Iran in assessing classified dangerous goods for inspection visits.
- In partnership with the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), experts were deployed to assist the Government of the Philippines to rebuild ammunition stockpiles after the advent of Typhoon Haiyan in 2013.

# Objectives of the validation process

1. To standardize/streamline international assistance within the United Nations system
2. To provide a validation methodology for use by interested States, with a view also to **capacity-building**
3. To develop an objective process to validate ammunition specialists coming from diverse **training and educational** backgrounds
4. To populate the **UN SaferGuard Roster of Experts**

# 2017 Pilot validation exercise

- 2-weeks validation exercise in Switzerland
- 5 expert candidates
  - **Bangladesh**
  - **Niger**
  - **Slovenia**
  - **Switzerland**
  - **United Kingdom**
- Validation process and assessment structure – internal and external verifiers
- Observers (Switzerland, Germany, Austria, UK)

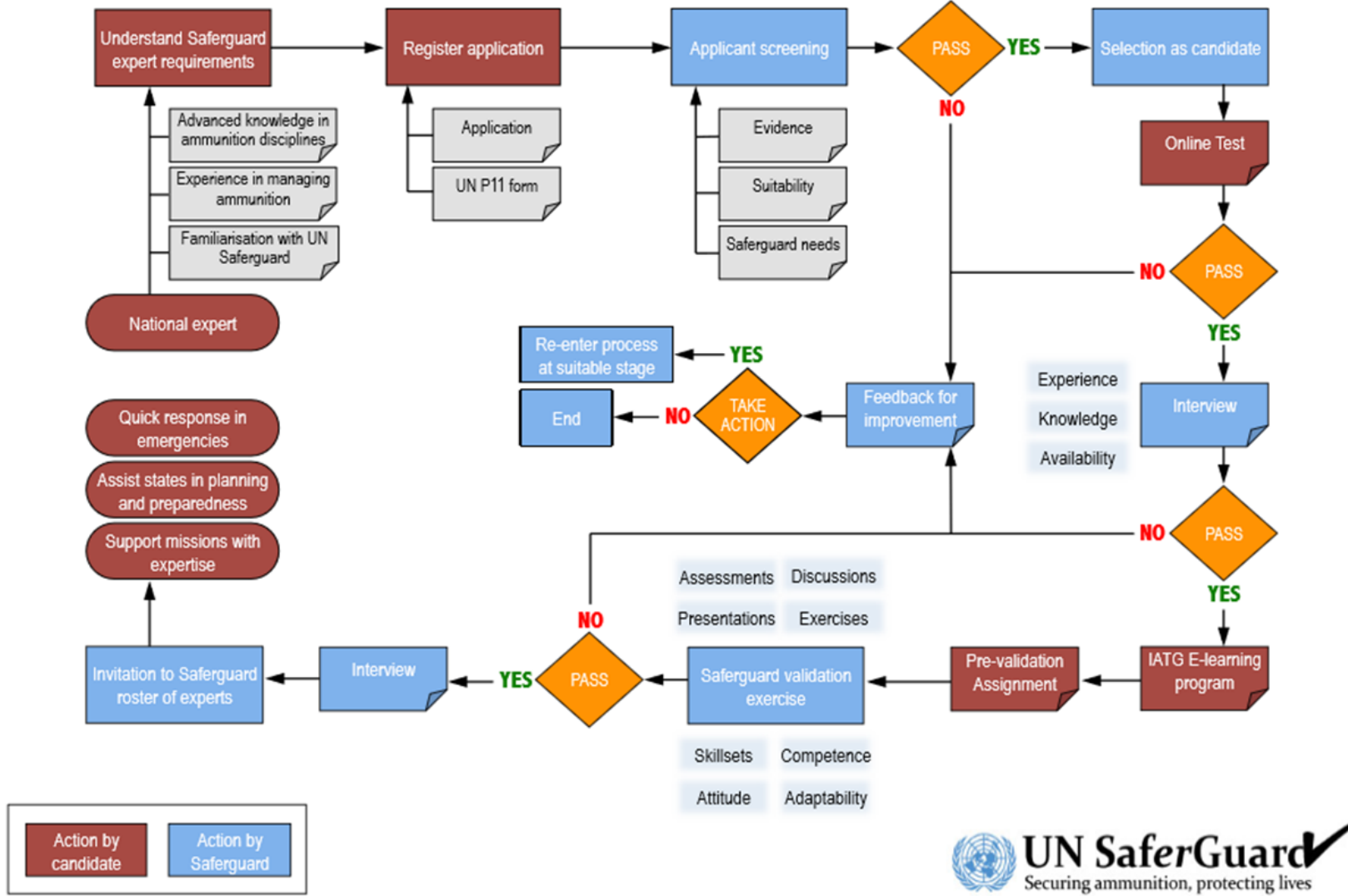


# 2018 Validation exercise: 5-15 August, Austria

- 12 expert candidates participated in second validation exercise
- Pre-validation **e-learning course** and **scenario exercise**
- Amended validation **curriculum and exercise scenarios**
- Refined validation team organisation and **use of observers**
- Hosted by the Austrian Armed Forces Logistics School, Vienna
- Validation preceded by a 5-day advanced IATG refresher course
- **Focus on RRPL 1 & 2 level tasks** expected from UN Safeguard Roster of Experts



# UN SaferGuard Expert Validation Process



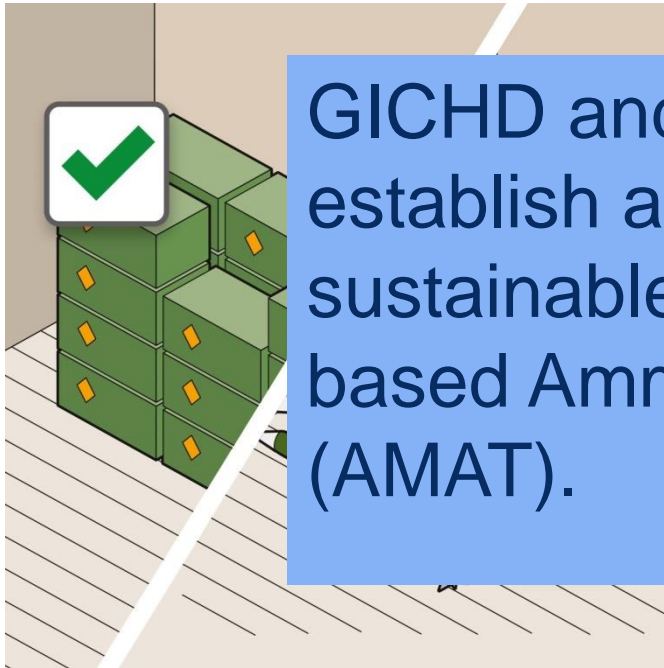
# Looking towards 2020

- IATG version 3 finalization by 2020
- Regional roll-out of the IATG and validation process in different languages - South America, Africa, Asia
- Operationalization of the UN SaferGuard quick response mechanism
- Implementation guides: “Critical Path Guide to IATG” and “Developing National Standards for Ammunition Management”
- Sustainable Development Goals framework – indicators
- Global survey of ammunition expertise



# Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT)

Coordinated, authoritative technical advice and assistance for the safe and secure management of ammunition in challenging settings



GICHD and the United Nations are joining efforts to establish a one-stop shop for state-of-the-art, sustainable assistance in this area – the Geneva based Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT).

*"Beyond the need for greater efforts to address the accumulation of unexploded ordnance, it is essential that States take the physical destruction of their unexploded ordnance in Geneva, Switzerland, United Nations, [Securing Our](#)*



# Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT)

## Objectives

- To assist interested States to rapidly and dependably mitigate the risks of explosions and diversion of certain ammunition stocks
- To build capacity around the world, advancing an expanding pool of solid technical expertise in this field

Our technical guidance is always in line with the globally-accepted International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG), developed under the UN SaferGuard programme.

# Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT)

## Tasks and Operations

- Provide rapid technical assistance to requesting national authorities and international / regional organizations, including through the UN SaferGuard quick-response mechanism
- Maintain and expand a cadre of validated technical experts for global IATG compliant capacity development
- Provide longer-term technical assistance to at-risk States and international/regional organisations
- Promote the development of national strategies and plans on ammunition management
- Support the development of national standards and procedures for ammunition management in conformity with the IATG
- Develop and disseminate technical outreach materials
- Facilitate meetings of focal points on ammunition management with the participation of donors and implementing partners to match needs and resources

# Ammunition Management Advisory Team (AMAT)

AMAT is dedicated to strengthening national capacities, furthering knowledge and awareness, and facilitating effective and sustainable international cooperation and assistance.

All activities are conducted in close cooperation with relevant partners such as the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, UN Institute for Disarmament Research and Small Arms Survey.

## Governance

AMAT will be anchored at the GICHD and advised by an independent AMAT Advisory Council composed of donor and beneficiary states, international and regional organisations and expert implementing partners.

# Any questions



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