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**NOTE VERBALE**

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to the latter's Note Verbale, dated 10 November 2015, has the honour to attach herewith the responses of the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Restructuring and the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights to the questionnaire regarding human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms.

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Geneva, 22 December 2015

To: The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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ΕΠΙΣΗΜΗ ΜΕΤΑΦΡΑΣΗ TRADUCTION OFFICIELLE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION

HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR &  
ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRUCTURING  
HELLENIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
SECURITY SECTOR  
DIRECTION FOR STATE SECURITY  
3rd DEPARTMENT OF ARMS &  
EXPLOSIVES/2nd

Athens, 16/12/2015

TO: Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
D4 Direction for Human Rights

SUBJECT: Questionnaire for the Human Rights and the regulation of acquisition, possession and use of arms by citizens

Please be advised of the following:

- 1.The regulation of matters related to arms, ammunition, explosives, explosive mechanisms and other provisions is prescribed by the Law 2168 dated 03-09-1993(GG 147, iss.A), as amended and currently in force.
- 2.The regulation of matters of private enterprises that provide security services also including the conditions of arm possession and carrying is prescribed by the Law 3707 dated 08-10-2008 (GG 209, iss.A) as well as by the Ministerial Decisions 1016/109/121/1-b dated 22/23-07-2009 (GG 1510/B), 1016/109/121-i dated 05-08-2009 (GG 1710/B) and 1016/109/169-c dated 03-11-2011 (GG 2457/B) as amended by the Ministerial Decisions 1016/109/169-id dated 16.10.2014 (GG 2775/B).
- 3.The import and export of arms is prescribed by articles 2 and 3 respectively, of the Law 2168 dated 03-09-1993 (GG 147 iss.A).

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ΜΕΤΑΦΡΑΣΤΙΚΗ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ  
REPUBLIQUE HELLENIQUE, MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES  
SERVICE DE TRADUCTION  
HELLENIC REPUBLIC, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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4.The Greek Legislation on arms is harmonized with the Directive 91/477/EC of the Council of Europe, as amended by the Directive 2008/51/EC in relation to the control of acquisition and possession of arms.

5.The matters of firearm possession, hunting gun possession and arm carrying are prescribed by the provisions of articles 7 on «possession», 8 on «possession of hunting guns» and 10 on «arm carrying» of Law 2168/93. As regards the types and features of shooting guns, these are determined in the Joint Ministerial Decision no. 4325/1999 dated 30/3-19/4-1999.

6. The categories of firearms according to Directive 91/477/EC of the Council of Europe are the following: Category A-Restricted firearms, Category B-Firearms that require a permission, Category C-Firearms that require a declaration, Category D-Other firearms.

7. Request for the issue of a firearm permission and arm carrying may be filed by anyone who fulfills the requirements of the provisions of article 10 on «arm carrying» of Law 2168/93 and for the specific reasons set out therein. According to the explanation filed with each request, the respective provisions below that prescribe the necessary supporting documents and conditions apply:

- Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/23-a dated 31/8-14/9-1994 on «Supporting documents and procedure of issue of the permits prescribed by the provisions of Law 2168/93 and 456/76».
- Joint Ministerial Decision no. 4325/1999 dated 30/3-19/4-1999 on «Terms, conditions and procedure of issue of the shooting arm possession permit and cartridges thereof».
- Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/20-f dated 7/26-01-1994 on «Definition of the procedure and supporting documents to issue a hunting gun purchase and possession permit and similar matters».

## ΕΠΙΣΗΜΗ ΜΕΤΑΦΡΑΣΗ TRADUCTION OFFICIELLE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION

8. The terms of safekeeping of firearms, ammunition, explosives and explosive mechanisms are prescribed by the Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/28-c dated 16-21/06-1994.

9. Our Service keeps a computerised record of entry of firearms, as prescribed by article 28 of Law 2168/93.

10. Paragraph 5 of article 6 on «Dealing-Disposition» of Law 2168/93, the legal purchase-sale of firearms is prescribed. The same article determines the terms and conditions of trading of those items. By the Ministerial Decision no. 3009/2/27-c dated 18-06/04-07-1994 the obligations of the warm dealers are prescribed.

11. The sanctions for illegal arm possession and arm carrying are prescribed in paragraph 8 of article 7 and in paragraph 13 of article 10 of Law 2168/93.

12. You are kindly requested to proceed accordingly.

Georgios Kanellos

Director

Chief

True copy. Athens, this day. Kleoniki Chatzipanteli, Police Sub-director (signed & sealed), Head of the Department



**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ  
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣΥΝΗΣ, ΔΙΑΦΑΝΕΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ  
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ΟΡΓΑΝΙΣΜΩΝ**

**Αθήνα, 16-12-2015**

**Προς:  
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΩΝ  
Δ4 Δ/νση Ανθρ. Δικαιωμάτων**

**ΘΕΜΑ:** Ερωτηματολόγιο για τα Ανθρώπινα Δικαιώματα και τη ρύθμιση της απόκτησης, κατοχής και χρήσης όπλων από πολίτες

Question no 13:

Law 2168/1993, as amended by law 3944/2011, which regulates issues related to the import, export, transit, mediation, trading, possession, carrying and use of firearms, weapons, ammunition, explosives etc provides also for criminal sanctions of imprisonment and fines in case of breach of the interdictions imposed by the aforementioned law. The height of sanctions varies according to the seriousness of the offence.

Especially, as regards illegal possession and lack of permission or license required for possessing a firearm, ar. 7 par. 8 of law 2168/1993 provides for imprisonment of at least 6 months (6 months to 5 years) and for a fine of at least 590 euros.

**Η ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΓΕΝ. ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗΣ**

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**Γραφείο Γ.Γ. Διαφάνειας και Ανθρ. Δικ/των**

**Ακριβές αντίγραφο**

**Η Προϊσταμένη του Τμήματος**

**κ.α.α.**

**Α. Λιάκου**