Seminar on Controlling Brokers and Arms Shipments – Montenegro

Enhancing the GOM’s understanding of effective controls on arms brokering and trading is essential to reduce the likelihood that Montenegro will contribute to the proliferation of conventional arms and to ensure that Montenegrin licensing and enforcement authorities have sufficient knowledge and capabilities to implement their responsibilities in a manner consistent with EU and international standards and best practices. The need for instruction on effective arms brokering and trading controls in Montenegro is timely because of recent incidents involving arms transfers from Montenegrin industry to conflict-prone destinations and the considerable risk of arms diversion to transnational criminal organizations that are known to engage in smuggling of sensitive items.

CPR proposes to implement this grant in four phases. In the first phase, the CPR Project Team will perform background research concerning Montenegro’s existing controls on the arms trade, specific licensing, enforcement, and outreach challenges the Montenegrin government has faced with respect to arms brokering and trade, the arms trade control systems of neighboring countries, and other governments that face similar circumstances to Montenegro. The Team will develop the PowerPoint modules for the Seminar on Arms Brokering and Controls, and also will communicate with the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica, in the manner specified by the ISN/ECC Action Officer for Montenegro, concerning the logistics for the seminar. In the second phase, the Project Team will collect the necessary information for, develop, and submit the Handbook on Arms Brokering and Trade Controls. The third phase will consist of travel to Milocer to conduct the seminar. In the last phase, the CPR Team will complete the necessary post-activity reporting requirements for ISN/ECC, including offering recommendations for next steps ISN/ECC should consider taking to promote the further development of robust arms brokering and trade controls in Montenegro.