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Currently, Brian Wood is the consultant to the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on the prevention of illicit brokering in small arms and light weapons. He has researched and provided policy analysis on the subject for over a decade, including to inter-governmental organizations, national governments and NGOs. His interest in this subject began in 1995 when he wrote a report entitled *Rwanda: Arming the Perpetrators of the Genocide*, and he later co-authored the report *The Arms Fixers: Controlling the Brokers and Shipping Agents*, sponsored by the Norwegian government. He helped assess the feasibility of a study by a General Assembly Group of Government Experts, which in March 2001 resulted in the first UN report containing an examination of illicit small arms brokering. As research and policy manager on arms control at Amnesty International, he has produced many reports and assisted the Small Arms Survey with research on the subject.

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United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs

The Department for Disarmament Affairs promotes the goal of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and the strengthening of the disarmament regimes in respect to other weapons of mass destruction, chemical and biological weapons. It also promotes disarmament efforts in the area of conventional weapons, especially landmines and small arms. The Department was established in January 1998.

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)—an inter-governmental organization within the United Nations—conducts research on disarmament and security with the aim of assisting the international community in their disarmament thinking, decisions and efforts. Through its research projects, publications, small meetings and expert networks, UNIDIR promotes creative thinking and dialogue on the disarmament and security challenges of today and of tomorrow.

Small Arms Survey

The Small Arms Survey is an independent research project located at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. It serves as the principal source of public information on all aspects of small arms and as a resource centre for governments, policy makers, researchers and activists. The project also monitors national and international (governmental and non-governmental) initiatives and acts as a clearinghouse for the sharing of information and the dissemination of best practices.