

SUMMARY
of the Opinion on the Proposal amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of
the acquisition and possession of weapons
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The Chamber of Deputies:

- Considers that the added value of the Directive proposal cannot be established if statistical data are missing concerning the use of firearms which are legally owned and used in terrorist actions and activities of serious criminality. They should be categorized by types of arms.
- Supports the necessity to take action, at the level of the European Union, considering that the proposal can improve the citizens' safety. The legitimate preoccupations concerning the regime of firearms are appreciated. However, it is considered that the restrictions on the legal acquisition and ownership of firearms are not sufficiently justified.

The Chamber of Deputies has formulated the following observations:

- The route of firearms will eliminate a great part of the existing risks;
- The Member States should benefit from some exceptions in the field of national defence – on forbidding the ownership and trade of weapons of A category;
- The necessity to adapt to the future technological evolutions can also include weapons which are still in experimental phase;
- It is necessary to elaborate rigorous monitorization and control mechanisms aiming at forbidding the internet use for weapons trading;
- It is insufficient to only control the person (armourer or an intermediary) who leads the enterprise;
- The existence of a sentence for a criminal offence with violence is sufficient for forbidding the authorization for a firearm ownership;
- It is essential to apply the recent Regulation no. 2015/2403 of 15 December 2015 in order to guarantee that the deactivated firearms are irreversibly non-functional;
- It is necessary to monitor by GPS the big weapons transports;
- It is supported the position of the European Parliament, expressed by the Resolution of 9 July 2015 referring to the European Agenda on Security (2015/2697(RSP)) concerning the efficiency of the joint cross-border investigation teams.