(Non-Paper for cluster 4)

Japan's Food-for-thought paper For the Review Conference on PoA 2006

(The following is an extract of the relevant part from the paper entitled as above and presented during the informal meetings prior to the Prep Com)

2-2 In-field Projects

As well as rule making, developing the capacity for implementation of these rules is indispensable. Both are the two pillars to addressing the issue of SALW. From this perspective, for the effective progress of in-field projects, following topics deserve intensive discussions:

- (a) Best practices and demand factors of SALW.
- (b) Capacity building (developing national legislation, Import/Export and border controls, improving domestic law enforcement authorities, etc.)
- (c) DDR and other weapons collection and destruction projects.
- (d) Public awareness

Particularly in relation to best practices and demand factors of SALW projects, best practices acquired through the implementation of projects on the ground are precious materials for acquiring better knowledge on demand factors. Equally, knowledge relating to demand factors is also beneficial to the formulation of SALW projects. Both areas should be combined in discussions. (See A/CONF.192/2006/PC/CRP.5 for more detailed explanation)