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As the sole **UN regional** entity mandated to address **disarmament** and **non-proliferation** issues in Latin America and the Caribbean, UNLIREC assists **Member States** in their efforts to effectively implement the obligations found in various **international disarmament instruments** by strengthening States capacity and providing States with the technical and substantive guidance and assistance necessary to achieve sustainable **peace and security**.

UNLIREC provides disarmament expertise to the 33 countries of the region through capacity-building, outreach and advocacy and technical assistance initiatives.

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Strengthening Peace and Security through
Disarmament in Latin America and the Caribbean

Areas of Assistance

Public Security

- Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking (IITC)
- Destruction of firearms, ammunition and explosives and improvement in stockpile management
- Integration of arms control measures into public security and armed violence reduction frameworks
- Specialized training courses on firearms for judges and prosecutors
- Technical support for national firearms policy coordination mechanisms
- Legal assistance for firearms, ammunition and explosives normative frameworks

Disarmament Advocacy

- Promotion of the implementation of international disarmament instruments, inter alia:
 - UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
 - Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development
 - Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons
 - Chemical Weapons Convention
 - UNSCR 1540 (2004) and UNSCR 1325 (2000)
- Disarmament and Non-proliferation Courses for Diplomats
- Promotion of regional dialogues on implementing disarmament and public security matters

Confidence and Security-building

- Guidance in the elaboration of Defence White Papers
- Promotion of standardized methodologies in the comparison of military expenditures
- Information management in the area of weapons of mass destruction

Major Achievements

UNLIREC's Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking selected as **regional best practice** for firearms control

Close to **3,000** law enforcement officials **trained** on combating illicit firearms trafficking

Most extensive **in-house** disarmament and arms control **expert team** in the region

Over 100 **disarmament conferences** and high-level meetings organized

Support in the destruction of **470,000** firearms and **500,000** rounds of ammunitions



Sub-regional Assistance Packages

Andean Region: Enhancing Public Security through Crime Prevention and Firearms Control

The Caribbean: Firearms Destruction and Stockpile Management Assistance Package

Central America: Enhancing Public Security through Crime Prevention and Firearms Control

