

Supporting Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)

Context

- In 2004, UN Security Council adopted resolution 1540.
- UNSCR 1540 requires all States to implement effective measures aimed at preventing Non-State Actors from acquiring and using nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery.
- The 1540 Committee a subsidiary body of the Security Council assisted by experts was established to monitor and support implementation of UNSCR 1540.

Beneficiaries

Latin America and Caribbean countries

UNLIREC's Strategy

Help States to modernize their legislation and policy frameworks, and to engage in sustained dialogue on non-proliferation issues from a legal perspective.



Achievements

- Supported 1540-related legislative reviews and assisted in the drafting and/or modernization of legalization.
- Assisted in the consolidation of inter-institutional working groups.
- Conducted border control training on the handling and detection of explosives at ports.
- Contributed to the creation of national control lists to regulate strategic trade in dual use goods.
- Contributed to the process of elaborating and presenting 1540 National Action Plans.
- Facilitated regional dialogues in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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UNLIREC's Assistance Approach



Legal Support

Objective: install adequate legal frameworks to effectively combat weapons of mass destruction (WMD) proliferation



Approach #1: assist in modernizing and revising national legislations and in drafting legislative proposals on strategic trade control



Approach #2: harmonize national legislation with international WMD-related instruments and associated multilateral regimes

Technical Support

Objective: help to create inter-institutional working groups and National Action Plans focusing on export controls



Approach #1: design effective mechanisms to enhance transfer controls over sensitive and dual use material.



Approach #2: provide specialized technical training on WMD-related legislation (border controls, risk management, identification/handling of sensitive material)

Regional Dialogue

Objective: facilitate sustained dialogue on non-proliferation issues from a legal perspective



Approach #1: promote sub-regional dialogues on WMD non-proliferation strategies (strategic trade controls, licensing protocols)



Approach #2: lead discussions on new and constructive thinking about the future security of States

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