Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) / Regional Disarmament Branch



The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Caribbean Workshop to Promote Universality and Implementation to BTWC UNSCR1540 (2004)



About UNLIREC

33 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)



The unique UN entity with the mandate to address disarmament and non-proliferation issues in the LAC region.

Supports LAC States in the achievement and maintenance of peace and security through disarmament.

Personnel: 18 / bilingual experts



Provide "... on request, substantive support for the initiatives and other activities of the Member States of the Latin American region [and the Caribbean (A/43/76H)] for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament and for the promotion of economic and social development..." (A/41/60)

... strengthening peace and security through regional disarmament

UNLIREC Strategic Objectives

Strengthen the **national capacities** of Latin American and Caribbean States in **disarmament and non-proliferation**.

Contribute to the development and implementation of a multidisciplinary disarmament approach.

Foster a culture of disarmament and non-proliferation which contributes to an increase in confidence among States in the region.





Why is Resolution 1540 important for States which do not have weapons of mass destruction?



Contexto

April 2011

United Nations Security
Council unanimously adopts
Resolution 1977, which
extends the mandate of
Resolution 1540 (2004)
Committee of Experts for ten
years.

Resolution 1977 contains specific obligations which Member States must assume.

Resolution 1977 urges regional and sub-regional organizations to support the implementation of 2004's Resolution 1540 and strengthen the capacities of Member States.

Resolution 1977 urges UNODA to strengthen the capacities of its regional centres- including UNLIREC- to support Member States in the implementation of the resolution at the regional, sub-regional and national levels.

UNLIREC Assistance Programme for the Implementation of UNSCR 1540

This projects purpots to adress the following vulnerabilities:

Lack of support in conceptualizing, elaborating and/or implementing National 1540
Action Plans

Weak trade controls

+ feeble
enforcement to
controlling dual use
agents

Lack of specialized training related to implementation of O.P.3 (UNSCR 1540)

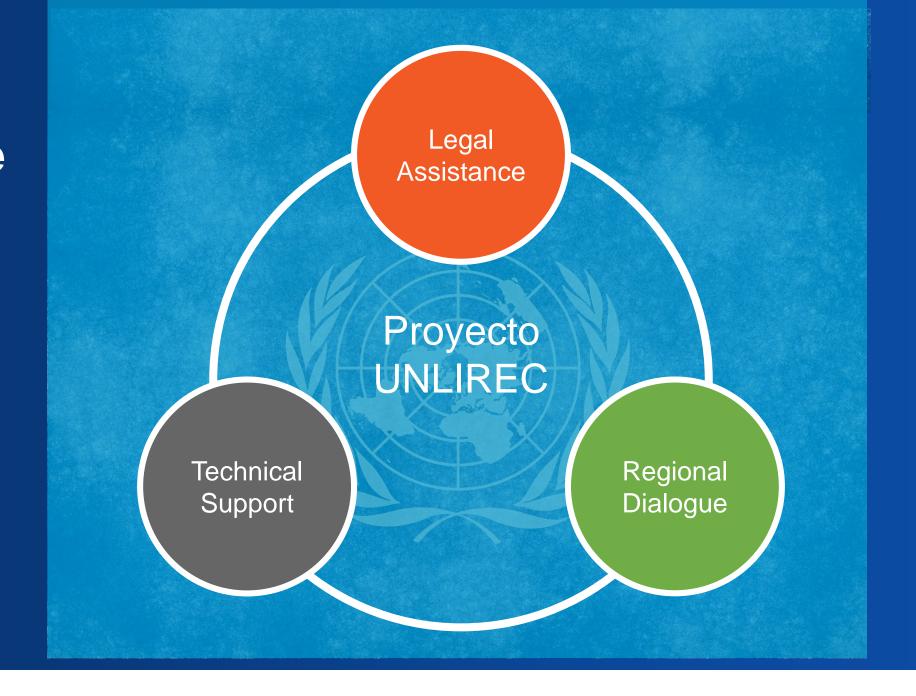


Lack of robust WMD legal framework

Weak transit/trans-shipent controls

UNLIREC Assistance







Goals

- Boast a strong legal framework to combat the proliferation of WMDs.
- Harmonize the national legal systems and adapt their regulations to the international legal framework.



How?

- Reviewing national regulations and suggesting possible amendments to strengthen legal frameworks.
- Assisting Member States to strengthen strategic controls on trade as well as creating and/or updating lists of controlled items.



Activities on the Region





Goals

- Support the development of a voluntary National Action Plan as a tool to outline thematic priorities which focuses state action to effectively implement Resolution 1540.
- Creation of inter-institutional working groups to monitor the development of national plans.



- How?
- In close collaboration with the States, evaluating the general situation of the country regarding Resolution 1540 including strengths, weaknesses and needs which will be part of the National Action Plan.
- Provide training according to the specific needs of the country.



Activities on the Region



Support to the development of 7 National Action Plans (NAP).





5 NAPs sent to the 1540 Committee.



More than 600 national officers have enhanced their legaltechnical and operational capacities.



Apprised of the relevance of establishing inter-institutional mechanisms or working groups to support the implementation of UNSCR 1540.





- Fostering the interest and commitment of other States in the non-proliferation of WMDs.
- Promoting dialogue among States regarding the harmonization of regulations and policies on non-proliferation, as well as the best practices for the application of strategic controls on the trade of sensitive materials.



- Technical assistance to the States and their experts in the implementation of control lists.
- Technical assistance and creation of formats for licensing protocols.
- Conducting sub-regional seminars.
- Developing specific "products" for State consideration and discussion.





Activities in the Region





The Project in its Current Phase

For its current phase until December there will be:

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Undertake 2 legal drafting exercises through assistance in drafting BWC-related legislation in Peru.

Carry out 1 **national training workshop** for frontline operators in collaboration with IMO in Suriname

Deliver 1 work session to monitor application of focus list in Dominican Republic

Prepare 1 Sub-regional Caribbean workshop on focus lists and licensing protocols in Belize.



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