A new legal tool for States: the National Legislation Implementation Kit on Nuclear Security

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National Legislation Implementation Kit on Nuclear Security

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# Background

## Nuclear security in international law
- Overview of international instruments
- Multiple instruments
- Multiple areas
- Binding / non-binding

## Nuclear security in national law
- Implementation of international instruments in the national legal framework
- Challenges
- Benefits

➡️ **Need for assistance**
Development of the Kit

- Indonesia’s non-paper to the 2012 NSS, Seoul
- VERTIC’s role
- Collaborative process
- Launched at the 2014 NSS, The Hague
- Available in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish on VERTIC’s website
Objectives

- To help states develop comprehensive national legislation on nuclear security, in accordance with their own respective legal cultures and internal legal processes.

- To provide states with references to a wide array of consolidated elements and provisions contained in relevant international legal instruments and guidance documents that together establish the global framework for nuclear security.

The Kit is complementary to existing tools and initiatives.
Structure and content

➢ Part I: Foreword
➢ Part II: Introduction

➢ Part III: Model Law
  • Instruments covered
  • Main sections
  • Harmonized provisions

➢ Part IV: Process for Developing Nuclear Security Legislation
How to use the Kit

- A roadmap to adopting nuclear security legislation
- A reference to conduct a comprehensive review of a State’s international commitments and national legal framework
- A guide to drafting nuclear security legislation
Political Support for the Kit

Joint statement:
29 supporting States and the United Nations

The Hague Communiqué:
“11. We welcome efforts aimed at developing model legislation on nuclear security, which could provide States with building blocks to develop comprehensive national legislation in accordance with their own legal systems and internal legal processes.”
VERTIC’s legislative assistance

At a Government’s request, VERTIC can provide cost-free legislative assistance to:

- Assist States to adhere to the CPPNM (as amended) and ICSANT
- Undertake comprehensive analysis of a State’s existing legislation for implementation of international instruments related to nuclear security
- Organize awareness-raising workshops and technical assistance visits to:
  - Elaborate national action plans
  - Draft/revise nuclear security legislation
  - Support national processes considering legislative development and RN treaty adherence (either in capital or at relevant workshops)
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