VERTIC’s legislative assistance to implement certain instruments relating to nuclear security

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About the NIM Programme

• VERTIC’s National Implementation Measures (NIM) Programme advises States on national implementation of the obligations under the Biological Weapons Convention, the Chemical Weapons Convention and certain international instruments for nuclear security.

• Our multilingual team of common and civil law lawyers provide legislative analysis and assistance across the international C-B-RN legal regime (‘one-stop shopping’ = no institutional mandate restrictions).

• NIM Programme was marked by expansion in 2012 into assistance with adherence to and implementation of international instruments to control nuclear and other radioactive material.
What instruments are covered?

- Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) (and amendment)


- IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources (Code of Conduct) and Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources (Guidance)

- RN-related provisions of international legal instruments in the fields of civil aviation, maritime navigation and fixed platforms
Our legislative assistance offer

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

1. Assist States to adhere to the CPPNM (as amended) and ICSANT:

   • Raise awareness of obligations through presentations at conferences and workshops, publications, or meetings with officials and other relevant national stakeholders

   • Prepare and/or supply accession and ratification instruments and related information on adherence procedures
Our legislative assistance offer (continued)

2. Undertake comprehensive analysis of a State’s existing legislation for implementation of certain international instruments to secure nuclear and other radioactive material

   • Legislative survey: an analysis based on criteria covering definitions; offences and penalties; jurisdiction; measures for national enforcement as well as for international cooperation; measures to account for, secure and physically protect nuclear material; measures to control transfers of nuclear and other radioactive material

   • Relevant national legislation and regulations are thoroughly reviewed
Our legislative assistance offer (continued)

3. Organize awareness-raising workshops and technical assistance visits to:

   • Elaborate national action plans

   • Draft/revise legislation

   • Support national processes considering legislative development and RN treaty adherence (either in capital or at relevant workshops)
Our legislative assistance offer (continued): an example

4. CoE Project 8: Prerequisite to strengthening CBRN national legal frameworks in South East Asia, 2013-2014

- Project experts: VERTIC (project co-ordinator), UNODC, BAFA

- Project objectives:
  - Strengthen and enhance national CBRN legal systems through the provision of legal support
  - Contribute to the compliance with international obligations
VERTIC Tools

• **Fact sheets** on NPT, CPPNM (and amendment), ICSANT and Code of Conduct

• Comprehensive **RN legislative analysis** template and statistics database (not publicly available) – 90 legislation surveys to be completed by end 2015

• VERTIC’s *Guide to National Implementation of UNSCR 1540*

• **Ratification/Accession** tools for ISCANT and CPPNM Amendment

• Coming online at the end of this year: VERTIC’s **Nuclear Security Legislation Database**

• **National Legislation Implementation Kit on Nuclear Security**
More about the National Legislation Implementation Kit on Nuclear Security

• Prepared by VERTIC at the request of the Government of Indonesia

• Indonesia’s gift to the third Nuclear Security Summit (NSS III) in The Hague, 24-25 March 2014

• Objectives:
  • Help States develop comprehensive national legislation on nuclear security, in accordance with their own respective legal cultures and internal legal processes
  • 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
Questions…

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- See also: www.vertic.org > Programmes

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