



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)
- International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) and related provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)
- 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 ICSANT 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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