



VERTIC's CBRN-UNSCR 1540 Legislative Assistance

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Our two projects on CBRN implementation

- Additional Protocol adherence and implementation:
 - Pilot project (2011-2012)
 - Full-phase project (2012-2013)
 - Technical delivery by: Verification & Monitoring Programme
- CBRN instruments adherence and implementation / UNSCR 1540 implementation:
 - Phase 1 (Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions) (2008-2012)
 - Phase 2 (CBRN instruments and UNSCR 1540) (2012-)
 - Technical delivery by: National Implementation Measures Programme



Additional Protocol Project - Pilot Phase

- Pilot Phase:
 - UK FCO's Strategic Programme Fund Project 142
 - Contract delivery: 2011-12

- Key outcomes:
 - Surveyed demand in three regions (Europe, North and Central Africa and South Asia). Approached 11 States.
 - Conducted initial assessment of all States as basis for discussion, then engaged in discussion at 2011 IAEA General Conference.
 - Positive initial responses from the majority of States approached by us. There is demand for legislation!



Additional Protocol Project – Full Phase

- Full phase:
 - UK FCO's Strategic Programme Fund
 - Contract delivery: 2012-2013
 - Hope to continue project beyond 2013 (subject to further funding)
- Key activities:
 - Production of ratification, implementation packages; outreach products.
 - Up to nine country assessments surveying administrative conditions, fuel cycle factors, status of international obligations, and relevant national legislation.
 - Technical Assistance Visits (TAVs) (up to two visits in FY 12/13).

NIM Phase 1 – What we offered

- *Implementation of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions (CWC/BWC)*
- Undertook comprehensive analysis of the State's existing legislation for implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and UNSC Resolution 1540
 - Legislative survey: an analysis based on 96 criteria (covering definitions, offences, preparations, jurisdiction, biosafety/biosecurity, transfers control, and enforcement)
 - Relevant national legislation and regulations are thoroughly reviewed
- We provided cost-free legislative assistance (Technical Assistance Visits)
 - To implement the BWC and the CWC
 - To ratify/accede to the BWC and the CWC



NIM Phase 1 - Results

- Project(s) delivery: 1 November 2008 - 31 March 2012
- 136 national legislation surveys (BWC) completed; based on 96 criteria
- Over 30 legislative assistance and universalization activities with States including drafting legislation to implement the BWC and CWC
- Comprehensive package of materials prepared for BWC adherence and implementation (on our website and CD)
- VERTIC's NIM Programme is now *the* recognized assistance provider for BWC implementation



NIM Phase 1 - Tools

- ICRC-VERTIC sample legislation: ‘A **Model Law**: The Biological and Toxin Weapons Crimes Act’
- VERTIC’s ‘**Sample Act** for National Implementation of the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention and Related Requirements of UN Security Council Resolution 1540’
- VERTIC’s ‘**Regulatory Guidelines** for National Implementation of the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention and Related Requirements of UN Security Council Resolution 1540’
- **Ratification/Accession** instruments for the BWC
- VERTIC’s BWC National Implementation **Database** (at www.vertic.org > Programmes > National Implementation Measures > BW and Materials > BWC Legislation Database)
- We have **fact sheets** on the biological and chemical weapons treaties as well as a BWC National Authority fact sheet

NIM Programme Phase 2 – Overview

- *Under Phase 2 we've expanded to implementation of certain CBRN instruments and UNSCR 1540*
- Official start date 1 April 2012 (launched at BWC 7th RevCon)
- We continue to deliver the services offered under Phase 1
- Expansion into instruments to control RN material – informed by the VERTIC report *Illicit Trafficking of Nuclear and other Radioactive Material: The Legislative Response* (hard copy, online)
- **Informed by the growing desire by some States to adopt comprehensive C-B-RN legislation**



NIM Phase 2 – What we offer

- Our lawyers provide legislative analysis and assistance across the international C-B-RN legal regime ('one-stop shopping' = no institutional mandate restrictions)
- Marked by expansion into assistance with adherence to and implementation of international instruments to control nuclear and other radioactive material:
 - CPPNM and amendment
 - ICSANT
 - Code of Conduct
- As well as the amended civil aviation, maritime navigation and fixed platform conventions (all of which cover C-B-N weapons and materials)

NIM Phase 2 - Tools

- *And an expanded package of materials including RN tools*
- **Fact sheets** in 5 languages on NPT, CPPNM (and amendment), ICSANT and Code of Conduct (on our website, CD)
- 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*** in 5 languages (on our website, CD)
- **Ratification/Accession** tools for ICSANT and CPPNM Amendment
- Coming in 2013 = VERTIC's RN National Implementation **Legislation Database**



VERTIC's Guide to National Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (on our website, CD):

- Identifies and organizes in one document the model laws, implementation kits and handbooks that have already been developed by VERTIC, the OPCW and the IAEA to implement the international CBRN legal regime
- Divided into four parts:
 - Part I: biological weapons and materials;
 - Part II: chemical weapons and materials;
 - Part III: nuclear weapons / nuclear and other radioactive material;
 - Part IV: other obligations relevant to UNSCR 1540 national implementation relating to the suppression of unlawful activities involving civil aviation, maritime navigation and fixed platforms.



Coordination and consultation

➤ *Very keen not to duplicate efforts already underway. Our project is complementary to other initiatives.*

- **Additional Protocol**

- We work closely with our fellow APOs and, critically, with the IAEA.
- We are keen to use our consultative status with the IAEA to the fullest possible extent, and will report on progress to them where appropriate.

- **NIM Programme**

- Co-ordination with IGOs and other international / regional organizations
UNLirec, OSCE, SICA, CARICOM
- Collaboration with other Civil Society actors and networks
Stanley, Stimson, BWPP, Bradford, ISS, etc.



Questions...

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