



VERTIC: A Legislative Assistance Partner for UNSCR 1540 (2004)

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About the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC)

- Independent not-for-profit organisation, based in London, United Kingdom; established in 1986
- We promote the effective verification and implementation of international agreements and related regional and national initiatives.
- Our work is organised through three main programmes: Verification and Monitoring, National Implementation Measures and Compliance.



About VERTIC

- Our National Implementation Measures (NIM) Programme has provided legislative assistance to over 50 States since 2005.
- The NIM Programme advises States on national implementation of the obligations under the international CBRN instruments – including UNSCR 1540 (2004).
- Our multilingual team of common and civil law lawyers provide legislative analysis and assistance across the international CBRN legal regime.
- Our Verification and Monitoring (VM) Programme has been providing ratification and implementation support for nuclear safeguards since 2013.
- ✓ VERTIC: no institutional mandate restrictions = one-stop shopping for States



What instruments can VERTIC assist with?

- *UNSCR 1540 (2004)*
- Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC)
- Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)
- Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (and Amendment) (CPPNM/A); International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)
- 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
- Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Additional Protocol
- Nuclear-related provisions of international legal instruments for civil aviation, maritime navigation and fixed platforms



Our assistance offer

1. At a government's request, we can **undertake a comprehensive analysis of a State's existing legislation for implementation of UNSCR 1540 and the international CBRN legal instruments:**

- CWC, BWC or Nuclear security Legislation survey: an analysis based on criteria covering definitions; offences and penalties; jurisdiction; measures for national enforcement as well as for international co-operation; measures to account for, secure and physically protect material; measures to control transfers of material
- Thorough review of relevant national legislation and regulations, identifying areas where further legislation may be necessary
- Our work is confidential, shared only with the partner government



Our assistance offer

- 2. Organise and participate in awareness-raising workshops and technical assistance visits to:**
 - Elaborate national action plans (policy & legislation development)
 - Draft/revise legislation to implement the international CBRN legal instruments
 - Support national processes considering legislative development and treaty adherence (either in capital or at relevant workshops)
 - Provide follow-up support on request: comment on draft/revised bills; provide additional information, examples and legislative tools



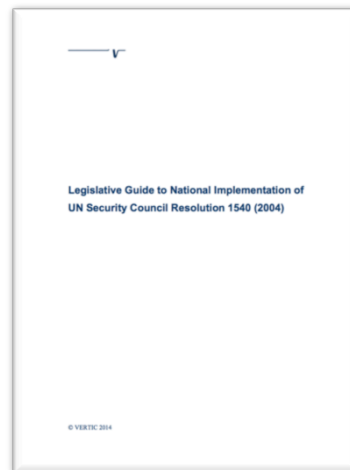
Our assistance offer

3. Assist States to adhere to the BWC, CWC, CPPNM/A, ICSANT and to adopt safeguards agreements

- 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.
- Training on safeguards (in collaboration with, amongst others, the US National Nuclear Security Administration and the Norwegian Radiological Protection Authority).

VERTIC's assistance tools for UNSCR 1540

- VERTIC's *Legislative Guide to National Implementation of UNSCR 1540*
 - ✓ Canada and the UK submitted this guide to the 1540 Committee in 2014 as an example of effective practices for implementation of UNSCR 1540.
- VERTIC **Fact Sheets** on UNSCR 1540 (English, French, Spanish)





VERTIC's assistance tools across CBRN

- Multi-language **Fact sheets** on BWC, CWC, NPT, CPPNM/A, ICSANT and Code of Conduct
- Comprehensive **CWC, BWC** and **nuclear security legislative analysis** templates and statistics databases (not publicly available)
- **Model legislation:** Indonesia-VERTIC's *National Legislation Implementation Kit on Nuclear Security*; VERTIC's *BWC Sample Act*
- **Ratification/Accession** tools for BWC, ICSANT and CPPNM/A
- VERTIC's Nuclear Security and BWC **Legislation Databases**
- Safeguards Implementation Database (new)
- **Comprehensive website:** includes all of the above plus examples of regional approaches, other background documents and articles, details of assistance providers



Examples of legislative assistance

- 5-8 April 2016: Organised two workshops with Government of Jamaica on FATF Recommendation 7, BWC, CWC and strategic trade; experts from CITS and Kingston University, CARICOM 1540 Co-ordinator, 1540 Committee
 - ✓ Under our UNSCR 1540 project in LAC (Phase I) funded by Global Affairs Canada – Global Partnership Program
- EU CBRN Centres of Excellence Project 8: Prerequisite to strengthening CBRN national legal frameworks in South East Asia (2013-2015)
- BWC Action (2013-15): VERTIC experts led workshops to review and draft BWC legislation
- Seminars, work sessions and roundtables on UNSCR 1540 implementation and UNSCR 1540 Voluntary National Action Plans with UNODA and OSCE



Statement of support

“These efforts arguably make VERTIC the most prolific and efficient legislative assistance provider in the world in areas related to Resolution 1540’s implementation and an illustrative example of civil society involvement.”

Dr Dana Perkins, Former 1540 Committee Expert

ISS Monograph No 191: “Towards the 2016 Comprehensive Review – Former experts assess UNSC Resolution 1540”



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