



Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: A Global Imperative

The acquisition and use of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons by non-State actors pose a grave threat to global peace and security. Illicit trafficking of these weapons and related materials further complicates this challenge. In response, the international community has united to strengthen global efforts through UN Security Council Resolution 1540. The OAS, through the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, supports Member States across the Americas in implementing this crucial resolution.

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1 Empowering Nations for UNSCR 1540 Adherence

We provide tailored assistance to enhance national capacities, enhance legal frameworks, and bolster practical measures to prevent the spread of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery. Through these efforts, we empower nations to fulfill their international obligations and strengthen global security.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Legislative assistance to support countries drafting legislation that aligns with the provisions of Resolution 1540, to promote the harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks.
- Technical assistance to support countries to draft national action plans on the implementation of Resolution 1540.
- Regional cooperation to enhance partnership through peer review exercises.

2 Strengthening Biosafety and Biosecurity Implementation Measures

We assist Member States in complying with and implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1540 and the Biological Weapons Convention to improve biosafety and biosecurity.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Technical and legislative assistance to reinforce regulations on biosafety and biosecurity.
- Capacity building through technical assistance and specialized training for scientists and laboratory personnel.
- Outreach, awareness raising, and continuous education through academic research and massive open online course on biosafety and biosecurity.
- Awareness raising of the importance of dual use research oversight.



3 Bolstering Trade and Customs Controls

To prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), states must enhance their trade and customs capabilities. Our initiative strengthens Member States' capacities, enhances trade and customs structures, and fosters cross-sector collaboration. This comprehensive approach creates a robust defense against WMD proliferation while promoting secure and efficient international trade.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Legislative assistance to improve implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540.
- Facilitate cooperation among public, industry, and academic sectors.
- Capacity building to combat and mitigate risks in implementing the Authorized Economic Operator program.
- Training to public officials on container inspection to help mitigate WMD proliferation.

4 Enhancing Counter-Proliferation Finance Measures

To prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), states must enhance their legislation designed to prevent proliferation financing. Our initiative strengthens Member States' capacities, raises awareness about the importance of implementing these measures, and fosters cross-sector collaboration. This comprehensive approach creates a robust defense against regional WMD proliferation.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Strengthening knowledge on Risks of Proliferation Financing and North Korea Sanctions Regimes.
- Enhanced understanding International Legal Framework and FATF Standards.
- Raise awareness of challenges posed by crypto assets in the context of proliferation financing.



OUR IMPACT

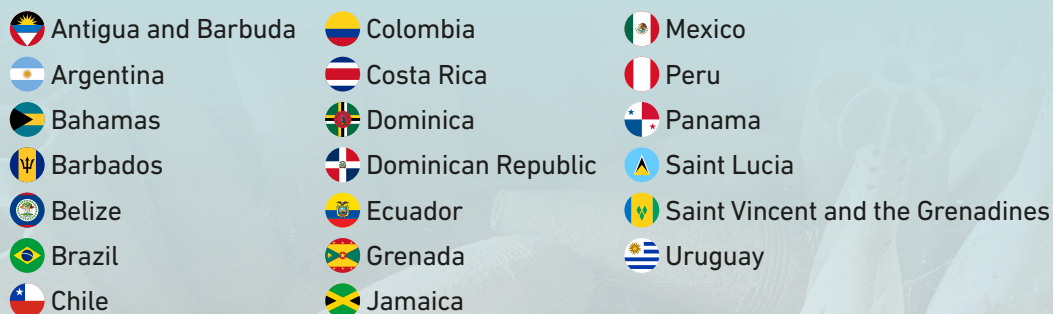
600 civil servants were trained in all beneficiary Member States.

6 National Action Plans were sent to the 1540 Committee established by the UN Security Council.

STRATEGIC PARTNERS TO FULFILL THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.
- United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Biological Weapons Convention Support Unit.
- European Union.
- Caribbean Community.
- International Atomic Energy Agency.
- US Department of State.

COUNTRIES WHERE WE HAVE WORKED



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