CICTE PROGRAM:

PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540)

Description

The program supporting the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) of the United Nations Security Council provides assistance to the countries of the hemisphere to help them comply with the provisions contained in resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems by non-State actors.

CICTE contributes to the efforts made by Member States to adopt and enforce appropriate effective laws and measures to prevent any non-State actor to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

Through this program, CICTE also facilitates the communication between Member States and the Committee established by virtue of resolution 1540 (2004).

Objectives

- **Assist Member States to comply** and implement resolution 1540 (2004).
- **Strengthen the implementation of laws and measures** (including those related to strategic trade) to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery.
- **Strengthen the biosafety and biosecurity of Member States** through awareness raising and capacity building among key sectors in line with resolution 1540 (2004).
- **Provide a regional framework to implement resolution 1540 (2004) in the hemisphere.**
- **Strengthen the network of 1540 points of contact** in the region.
- **Strengthen legal frameworks and regulations** on biosafety and biosecurity and their harmonization with current international standards.
- **Strengthen collaboration and cooperation** through peer review exercises on resolution 1540 (2004) implementation.

Beneficiary countries

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Uruguay
**Activities**

- Legislative assistance to support countries draft legislations in line with the provisions established in resolution 1540 (2004).
- Technical and legislative assistance to reinforce regulations on biosafety and biosecurity.
- Technical assistance to support countries to draft national action plans on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- Promote the sharing of experiences and good practices through different activities, including peer review exercises.
- Trainings on biosafety and biosecurity through in-person workshops and online courses.
- Assistance in the drafting of national guidelines for protection against the deliberate or accidental release of biological agents.
- Enhance cooperation and promote information sharing on biosafety and biosecurity.
- Outreach activities on strategic trade for private sector and academia.
- Cooperation with academic centers to carry out research projects on biosafety and biosecurity.

**Results**

- 7 regional, subregional and national workshops implemented
- 600 public officers trained
- 3 Peer review exercises in the Americas
- 6 national plans of action presented to the 1540 Committee

**Strategic partners**

- BWC-ISU
- STIMSON
- INTERPOL
- IAEA

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