UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

...strengthening peace and security through disarmament

The UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) forms part of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and is headquartered in Lima, Peru. Since its creation by the General Assembly in 1986, UNLIREC has been strengthening the capacity of Member States to achieve sustainable peace and security through disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation.

“There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.”

-2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development-

Mandate

Provide, on request, substantive support for the initiatives and other activities of the Member States of the region for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament and for the promotion of economic and social development.

“There progress in regional disarmament can create conditions that promote disarmament and relax tension at the global level”

-UN Group of Governmental Experts-

MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Provided technical assistance to Member States in the region to:

Combat illicit SALW trafficking

• Increased capacity of over 5,000 security and justice officials
• Destroyed over 120,000 weapons and close to 130 metric tonnes of ammunition
• Enhanced security of more than 140 stockpile facilities
• Worked with youth to monitor implementation of SDG16
• Supported marking of more than 2,000 firearms held by private security companies

Improve control over conventional arms trade

• Strengthened the capacity of over 600 officials responsible for transfer controls

Support national measures to prevent WMD proliferation to non-state actors


In-house bilingual team specialized in disarmament-related policy, legal and technical issues
PUBLIC SECURITY
- Security and justice sector training to combat illicit SALW trafficking
- Stockpile management and destruction training and assistance
- Forensic ballistics capacity-building and systems development
- Small arms control assistance for the private security sector and regulatory authorities
- Support national and local governments in the development of armed violence reduction strategies

ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION
- Promotion of international disarmament instruments, inter alia:
  - UN Programme of Action on Small Arms
  - International Tracing Instrument
  - UNSCR 1540 (2004)
  - Gender-related resolutions (UNSCR 1325; A/res/65/69)
  - UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Technical guidance, courses and specialised tools for ATT implementation
- Legal assistance in developing/modernising normative frameworks
- Support in the creation of 1540 multi-sector bodies and development of National Action Plans

CONFIDENCE- AND SECURITY-BUILDING MEASURES
- Disarmament and non-proliferation courses for diplomats and defence sector personnel
- Promotion of regional dialogue on disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation
- Support in the elaboration of Defence White Papers
- Promotion of standardised methodologies in the comparison of military expenditures

Current Assistance Packages
- Combating Illicit Small Arms and Ammunition Trafficking through Operational Forensic Ballistics
- Small Arms and Ammunition Control in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mitigating the Risk of Diversion through Arms Trade Treaty Support
- Destruction and Stockpile Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons and their Ammunition
- Promoting the Implementation of 65/69 on Women, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Control

*All packages are aligned with Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals

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