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.

“Disarmament and arms control measures can help ensure national and human security in the 21st Century, and must be an integral part of our collective security system.”

-UNSG António Guterres-

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.

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

-UN Group of Governmental Experts on Regional Disarmament-

MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS

Provide technical assistance to Member States in the region to:

Combat illicit SALW and ammunition trafficking

- Increased capacity of over 12,000 security and justice officials
- Destroyed over 120,000 weapons and close to 150 metric tons of ammunition
- Enhanced security of more than 140 stockpile facilities in 11 States
- Engaged more than 2,300 children and youth on human security and Agenda 2030

Improve control over conventional arms trade

- Strengthened the capacity of over 620 officials responsible for transfer controls

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

- Collaborated with 14 States to strengthen strategic trade controls

In-house bilingual team specialized in disarmament-related policy, legal and technical issues
PUBLIC SECURITY

- Security and justice sector training to combat illicit SALW and ammunition 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
- Guidance 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
  - Gender-related resolutions (UNSCR 1325; A/res/65/69)
  - UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Technical guidance, courses and specialized tools for ATT implementation
- Legal assistance in developing/modernizing 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 awareness-raising for diplomats and defence sector personnel
- Promotion of regional dialogue on disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation
- Promotion of standardized methodologies in the comparison of military expenditures

Current Assistance Packages

- Strengthening SALW and Ammunition Management and Control in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mitigating the Risk of Diversion through ATT Support
- Promoting Implementation of 65/69 on Women, Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Control
- Addressing the Possession and Use of Firearms in Schools

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