Implementation of Art. VII
- Key challenges & relevant work -

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“Preventing the criminal use of pathogens and toxins and assisting our 192 member countries facing a biological crisis through an enhanced international police corporation and inter-sectorial collaboration”

- Operational support
  - Expert advice / onsite response/ forensics/ biosecurity
  - NCB reach-back in an event
- Capacity building and training
  - Tailored workshops and tools
- Information sharing
  - BTPU resources - BIRG & database
  - I 24/7
  - Bi-Monthly Digest
- Country assessments
Implementation of Art. VII – key challenges

- Building a strong and sustainable health & security interface
  - At national, regional and international levels

- How?
  - By using common terminology
  - By understanding each other’s constraints
  - By sharing information
Implementation of Art. VII – key challenges

△ Building response models

➢ By developing credible scenarios
  • Including non-state actors based scenarios
  • Threat reality based

➢ Identify each IO’s roles and responsibilities
Implementation of Art. VII – key challenges

- Considering logistics!

- Staff and equipment
Implementation of Art. VII – relevant work

**Enhancement of international cooperation**

- Health & law enforcement interface (WHO/INTERPOL)

- Reflected in project proposals and implementation
  - Regional and interagency cooperation to build resilience against agro-terrorism and agro-crime affecting animals (OIE/FAO/INTERPOL)
  - Interoperability of agencies and coordinated communication (UNOCT/OPCW/OIE/INTERPOL)
Implementation of Art. VII – relevant work

- Enhancement of international cooperation
  - Reflected in project proposals and implementation
    - UNSGM - CBRN teams sample evidence & education training
    - Biological incidents’ analysis platform
Emergency contingency plan - NEW

- To support INTERPOL’s member countries facing a biological emergency situation

- On MC’s request or through an offer of support
  - Response to an outbreak situation
  - Response to the preparation of a biological terrorist attack
  - Response to a biological terrorist attack