UNRCPD Efforts to Promote Universalization of
the Biological Weapon Convention

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United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD)
UNRCPD Region

43 States in...

1. Central Asia
2. Northeast Asia
3. South Asia
4. Southeast Asia
5. Pacific
UNRCPD Mandate and Areas of Activities

UNRCPD Mandate

• Strengthening peace and security via promoting dialogue
• Providing substantive support and assistance to States on request
• Engaging in regional and sub-regional activities

Programme Areas:

• Conventional weapons & CBMs
• WMD (including UNSCR 1540)
• Peace and disarmament education
• Outreach activities and advocacy
UNRCPD Efforts in the Field of Non-Proliferation

- Treaty on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)
- Chemical Weapons Convention
- Biological Weapons Convention
UNRCPD Supports BWC Universalization

Nepal

• 20 - 21 Feb 2014: Workshop on National Implementation of the BWC. Key issues:
  – national coordination and participation in CBMs
  – legislative, administrative and enforcement measures
  – codes of conduct & standards of bio-safety & security

• 9 -10 Jun 2014: Awareness Raising Workshop for Decision-makers and Sharing Best Practices for the Implementation of the BWC
  – BWC key concepts
  – core national implementation measures
  – coordination of national implementation between key ministries
UNRCPD Supports BWC Universalization

Mongolia

• 28-29 Apr 2014: Workshop on National Implementation of the BWC and the CWC
• The event focused on:
  – modalities for national coordination
  – increasing participation in BWC confidence-building measures
  – legislative, administrative and enforcement measures
  – awareness-raising
  – creation of codes of conduct and standards of biological and chemical safety and security.
“[Security Council] calls upon States to renew and fulfill their commitment to multilateral cooperation, in particular within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, as important means of pursuing and achieving their common objectives in the area of non-proliferation and of promoting international cooperation for peaceful purposes... [and]

promote the universal adoption and full implementation, and where necessary, strengthening of multilateral treaties to which they are parties, whose aim is to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.”

# BWC & UN SCR 1540: Synergy and Convergence

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<th>Resolution 1540 (2004)</th>
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<td><strong>Applicability:</strong></td>
<td>All 193 UN Member States</td>
<td>177 States Parties</td>
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<td><strong>Purpose:</strong></td>
<td>To prohibit non-State actors from developing, acquiring, manufacturing, possessing, transporting, transferring or using ... <em>biological weapons</em> and their delivery systems</td>
<td>To prohibit the development, production, acquisition, transfer, stockpiling and use of <em>biological and toxin weapons</em></td>
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<td><strong>Obligations:</strong></td>
<td>Refrain from supporting by any means non-State actors from developing, acquiring, manufacturing, possessing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their delivery systems; adopt legislation to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and their means of delivery, and establish appropriate domestic controls over related materials to prevent their illicit trafficking</td>
<td>Any necessary measures to prohibit and prevent the development, production, stockpiling, acquisition, retention, transfer or use of biological weapons by anyone under States Parties’ jurisdiction; and measures to prohibit/prevent encouraging, inciting or assisting others in any of these acts</td>
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<td><strong>Entry into force:</strong></td>
<td>28 April 2004</td>
<td>26 March 1975</td>
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<td><strong>Reporting/where/when:</strong></td>
<td>Status of implementation / 1540 Committee / voluntary, &quot;without delay&quot;</td>
<td>CBMs voluntary reporting / BWC ISU / annually by 15 April</td>
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<td><strong>Other reporting:</strong></td>
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<td>77 CBM returns in 2018 (32 publicly available)</td>
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UNRCPCD’s BWC-related activities

• National roundtable on UNSCR 1540 in Myanmar
• Regional workshops on UNSCR 1540 in Cambodia, the Philippines and Thailand addressed challenges to bio-safety and security
• Support regional implementation of UNSCR 1540 in Central Asia and Mongolia: development of NIAP
• Assistance in developing national export control systems in Southeast Asian countries
• Annual UN-Republic of Korea Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Issues
UNSCR 1540 Challenges in Asia-Pacific

Asia-Pacific presents a wide range of challenges:

- The expansion of nuclear energy and research
- Production and storage of hazardous chemicals
- Home of the world’s busiest transhipment points and shipping lanes
- Rapidly increasing rate of technological expansion including dual-use technologies
- Existence of known terrorist organizations
- Low levels of national implementation
Bullet 5: you should be prepared to answer what kind of terrorist organization did you mean. Bullet 6: it would be advisable to say: "National implementation needs to be improved/strengthen". Furthermore, in the last sentence of the notes, I am not sure about undertaken significant efforts to assist, at least by UNRCSPD. Therefore, you may wish to commend efforts done by countries, and with the reference to the need of improvement stress our readiness to assist.

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Requesting Assistance

Member States

- Permanent Mission to the UN
- Permanent Mission to UNOG

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