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Project 8

PREREQUISITE TO STRENGTHENING CBRN NATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

Implementing partners: Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC, lead partner), UK; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Austria; German Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA), Germany

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

1 January 2013 – 30 June 2015

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE:

Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines

BUDGET:

800,000.00 euro

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project aims to strengthen the project countries' national legislative frameworks for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) risk mitigation and to, thereby, reduce vulnerability to CBRN weapons and the inadvertent or deliberate misuse of dual-use materials, equipment and means of delivery. The project seeks to increase the countries' ability to deter, investigate, prosecute and penalize crimes concerning CBRN weapons and related dual-use materials as well as to improve their compliance with international legal instruments concerning such materials, thus strengthening the overall international non-proliferation framework.

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In order to achieve this, the implementing partners first conducted legislative analysis to establish whether the countries' existing CBRN legislation fulfils their obligations under international law. The implementing partners analysed examples of legislation in force in partner countries and used specialist resources, such as legislation survey templates and survey overview templates (the latter developed specifically for the project) in order to carry out this work. The project generated detailed assessments of the extent to which existing legislation fulfils each of the countries' obligations under key international legal instruments relating to CBRN risk mitigation. Consultations with the countries were initiated in October 2013 to share and verify the findings of the legislative analyses. In November 2013, a visit was organized Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and the Philippines to raise awareness among a wide group of CBRN national stakeholders and to establish the particular requirements of each of the countries.

In 2014, the project will support the countries in preparing a comprehensive CBRN action plan for strengthening their legislation, including in some cases through new legislation. Depending on the feasibility of drafting new legislation or strengthening the implementation of existing legislation for C, B, RN and/or export controls within the project timeframe, the project will provide legislative assistance in the implementation of the action plans.

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