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<b>PROJECT:</b>	<b>Code of Conduct for Armed and Security Forces in Central Africa: Implementation and Training</b>
<b>DISARMAMENT FOCUS:</b>	Practical disarmament at the regional level
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS:</b>	Central Africa
<b>PROPOSED PROJECT TIMEFRAME:</b>	2010-2011 (18 months)
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## **BACKGROUND**

In May 2007, the 25<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (UNSAC) adopted the Sao Tomé Initiative, which calls for the elaboration of a code of conduct for armed and security forces in Central Africa. This initiative followed recent important declarations, including the Bata Declaration on the “Promotion of Democracy, Peace and Sustainable Development in Central Africa”.

UNREC subsequently elaborated a draft code of conduct for armed and security forces in Central Africa. On the basis of this draft and comments by UNSAC member states and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), a consolidated Code of Conduct was adopted at the 28<sup>th</sup> Ministerial meeting held in Libreville, Gabon, in May 2009. It captures the specific geopolitical situation and responds to the security needs of Central African states, specifies distinct mandates of defence and security institutions, and spells out their obligations towards the state and the nation. The Code of Conduct also seeks to strengthen the capacity of defence and security institutions in terms of civic instruction, respect for human rights and respect for international humanitarian law.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The main objective of this project will be to increase the professionalisation of the security sector in the Central Africa sub-region by assisting Member States in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Security and Armed Forces in Central Africa.

## **CONTENT AND DESIGN**

The project will be implemented by UNREC, in partnership with ECCAS, over the course of 18 months. The project management team will include: a project coordinator, an associate project coordinator, two support staff members as well as an administrative and financial assistant.

The project timeline includes the following steps:

- Publication and dissemination of the Code of Conduct
- Elaboration of draft implementation guidelines of the Code of Conduct
- Governmental and international expert consultations to finalise the draft implementation guidelines
- Sub-regional training workshop for governmental experts on the Code of Conduct
- Sub-regional training workshop of civil society organisations (CSOs) on the Code of Conduct

## **IMPACT**

- Civil society trust in the national security institutions will be reinforced;
- Democratic control over armed and security forces will be strengthened;
- The Code of Conduct will represent a common strategy for the democratic oversight of the security sector. It will thus constitute a regional confidence-building measure and contribute to regional security;
- The capacity of ECCAS in the field of peace and security will be strengthened.

## **BENEFICIARIES**

- Governmental and parliamentary authorities as well as CSO
- Member states of ECCAS
- ECCAS as a sub-regional organisation
- UNSAC as a high level political body for security issues in Central Africa

## **PARTNERS**

ECCAS, UNSAC, UNDP, DPA, UNIDIR, Civil society partners

<b>BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST IN US DOLLARS</b>
Project Personnel	140,200
Operations and Implementation Costs	150,400
Total Budget Required	290,600
Total Secured Funding	0
<b>Funding Gap</b>	<b>USD 290,600</b>