

**Input of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
into the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the
UN General Assembly resolution 65/62,
entitled “Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of
mass destruction”**

The Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC/TPB) has continued to assist countries in implementing the international legal instruments related to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism, both bilaterally and multilaterally, in accordance with its relevant mandates. The General Assembly resolution 65/34 adopted on 10 December 2010, entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism” *requests* the UNODC/TPB to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism, and recognizes, in the context of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), its role in assisting States in becoming parties to and implementing the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, including the most recent among them, and in strengthening international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building.

Regional activities conducted by UNODC/TPB included a workshop on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism and maritime terrorism, held for 16 Caribbean countries in Barbados from 24 to 26 November 2010. The Branch contributed to a regional facilitation event for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) for Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica and Peru, organized in Lima from 9 to 11 November 2010, by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Secretariat. From 29 to 30 April 2010, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and UNODC jointly organized a workshop in Vienna for OSCE Member States on the legal instruments against terrorism agreed in 2005 and on their implementation in national legislation. A national workshop held in Indonesia from 25 to 27 October 2010 dealt, inter alia, with legislative preparation for the ratification and implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. UNODC also held a national capacity-building workshop in Egypt on 15 and 16 February 2010 on the 2005 international legal instruments.

UNODC is a member of the CTITF Working group on WMD and has contributed to the report of the Working Group launched in 2010, aimed at familiarizing Member States with the actions undertaken by the United Nations to assist in areas of prevention, response and mitigation of terrorist attack using nuclear or radiological weapons or materials.

UNODC is an official observer to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) and participated in the 2010 Global Initiative Plenary Meeting in the United Arab Emirates, on 29-30 June 2010, and in a conference held by the Global Initiative in Hungary in January 2010. UNODC also participated in an international conference on “Physical Nuclear Security – Counteraction Measures for Acts of Nuclear Terrorism”, held in Ukraine in November 2010 and organized under the *aegis* of the Global Initiative. UNODC has assisted the GICNT in particular in the area of international cooperation in the area of nuclear forensics. UNODC participated in an IAEA conference on developing nuclear forensics libraries and international directories from 12 to 14 October 2010.

UNODC participated in the elaboration of the IAEA Nuclear Security Recommendations on Nuclear and other Radioactive Material out of Regulatory Control, which it has co-sponsored. UNODC participated in a workshop of the World Institute for Nuclear Security, held in Vienna on 27 January 2011, on defining the legal responsibilities for the security of nuclear and radioactive material. It also participated in the IAEA Workshop on Implementing Legislation in Nuclear Security for some Asian countries, held in Vienna (26-27 April 2010) and in various meetings of the IAEA-led International Nuclear Security Educational Network. UNODC also sent a legal expert to an IAEA International Nuclear Security Advisory Service Mission conducted during the second week of October. On 18 October, UNODC participated in a meeting with senior Chinese officials, hosted by the IAEA, on Establishing an Integrated National Legal Framework for Nuclear Security. On 18 November 2010, UNODC participated in an IAEA-event on Facilitating Adherence to the 2005 Amendment to the CPPNM.

On 15-16 December, UNODC participated in a meeting, held in Vienna, of international, regional and subregional organizations on cooperation in promoting the implementation of UNSC resolution 1540 (2004). In the area of chemical terrorism, UNODC cooperated with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) by participating in a tabletop exercise on the preparedness of State parties to prevent terrorist attacks involving chemicals organized in Poland from 21 to 23 November 2010.

UNODC/TPB has developed a range of specialized tools and substantive publications that aim to enhance understanding of the international legal regime against terrorism including CBRN terrorism, including, the “*Legislative Guide to the universal anti-terrorism conventions and protocols*”, the “*Model legislative provisions against terrorism*” and the “*Handbook on criminal justice responses to terrorism*”. UNODC/TPB has also developed electronic tools such as the Online Training Programme and the Database of Electronic Legal Resources on International Terrorism to facilitate a wider reach of available technical assistance.