 **New notifications of designation of competent authorities and liaison points in accordance with article 7 paragraph 4 of ICSANT:**

Antigua and Barbuda

Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy

Brazil

Head of DETER/GCINT/DIP/PF, Brazilian Federal Police

Montenegro

Head of Department for Air, Water and Soil
Directorate for Ecology in the Ministry of Ecology,
Spatial Planning and Urbanism

New Zealand

International Security and Disarmament Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Serbia

- 1) Senior Advisor for Supervision
- 2) Head of the Inspection Sector

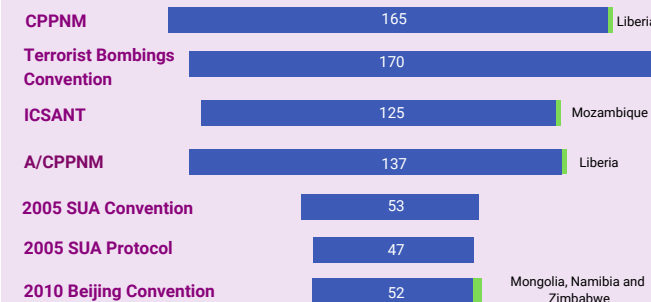
United States of America

- 1) The U.S. Department of State Operations Center
- 2) The U.S. Department of State Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism

Previous designations can be accessed [here](#).

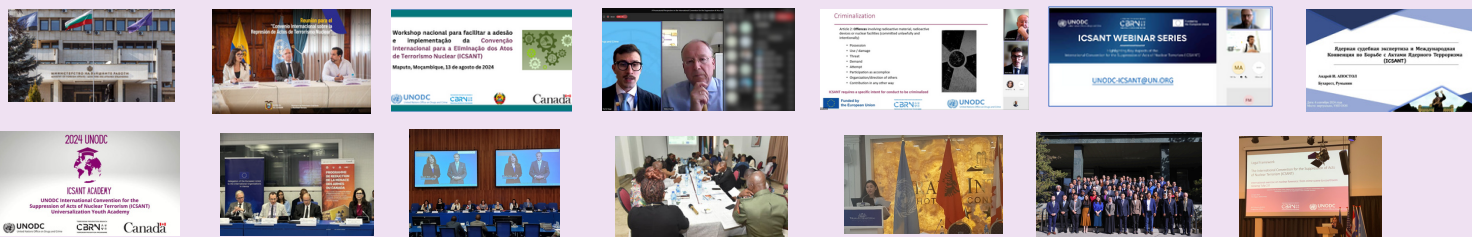
 **Status of adherence as of 1 October 2024**

subject to date of entry into force



 Indicates new parties since last newsletter

 **Universalization and effective implementation of CBRN instruments**



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UNODC activities:

Country visits: UNODC promoted adherence to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) through country visits to **Bulgaria**, Ecuador and **Mozambique**.

ICSANT Webinar Series: UNODC launched its new series on key aspects of ICSANT and conducted four webinars: **a prosecutorial perspective on ICSANT, extradition and MLA under ICSANT, nuclear forensics in the context of ICSANT (in English)** and **nuclear forensics in the context of ICSANT (in Russian)**.

ICSANT Universalization Youth Academy: UNODC held the first **UNODC ICSANT Universalization Youth Academy**.

ICONS 2024: UNODC, *inter alia*, held a side event titled **"From crime scene to courtroom: putting ICSANT into practice"**, launched its **Repository of National Legislation for Implementing the Criminalization Provisions of ICSANT, the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its Amendment (A/CPPNM)** (see below *Resources in focus*), presented during two technical panels and participated in UNICRI's side event on the launch of the *Prosecutor's Guide to R/N Crimes*.


Joint Event: UNODC and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) held the second **Joint Seminar to Promote the Universalization of A/CPPNM and ICSANT**.

Judicial training: UNODC organized a **national training seminar on ICSANT** in Nigeria.

Mock Trial: UNODC organized a **criminal investigation and mock trial on ICSANT for States parties from South-Eastern Europe** in Albania.

Southern Africa: UNODC contributed to a UNODC Regional Office for Southern Africa workshop on the effective incorporation and implementation of counter terrorism legislation as part of national counter terrorism responses.

Table-top exercises: UNODC contributed to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum (ARF) workshop **"Steppe Lotus"** on strengthening legal frameworks to combat chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) terrorism, as well as to the international exercise on nuclear forensics **"Glowing Tulip 2.0: from crime scene to courtroom"**.

 **Event in Focus**

2024 UNODC



ICSANT ACADEMY

Funded by the Government of Canada, the **UNODC ICSANT Universalization Youth Academy** brought together 17 selected government officials from 15 countries (junior to mid-level professionals) in order to foster a new generation of ICSANT advocates.

The ICSANT Academy consisted of expert presentations, a case study, a panel on gender and inclusivity, a mentorship session featuring senior diplomats, representatives of international organizations, as well as civil society, and interactive exercises on social media advocacy and cabinet memorandum drafting.

Watch the video on the UNODC ICSANT Academy [here](#).



Eligible participants (age 35 or younger from States not yet party to ICSANT, holding a government role relevant to adherence to ICSANT) can apply to the next UNODC ICSANT Academy in 2025. Please see future newsletters for information on the application process.



Substantive contribution to partners' activities:

- Australia Group **plenary**.
- Border Monitoring Working Group (BMWG) 35th Meeting.
- Counter-Terrorism Committee Open briefing on the criminalization of terrorist offences and strengthening of international cooperation in bringing terrorists to justice.
- Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction (GP) Biological Coordination meeting.
- IAEA
 - Regional Workshop on Integrated Nuclear Security Sustainability Plans (INSSPs) in the Asia Pacific;
 - Regional Workshop to promote the universalization of the A/CPPNM in Lao People's Democratic Republic;
 - Open-Ended Meeting of Legal and Technical Experts on the Draft Code of Conduct on the Facilitation of the Safe and Secure Transport of Radioactive Material.
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) International air law treaty workshop.
- International Nuclear Law Association (INLA) Working Group on Nuclear Security and Non-Proliferation meeting.
- INTERPOL Global Geiger and Global Biosecurity Conferences.
- Nuclear Forensics International Technical Working Group (ITWG) **27th annual meeting**.
- Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) workshop on the Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (UNSCR 1540) in Ecuador and drafting of its National Action Plan (NAP).
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Nuclear Energy Agency's (NEA) International School of Nuclear Law (ISNL).
- Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) event for parliamentarians of Tanzania on enhancing nuclear security, including through adhering to and implementing relevant international legal instruments.
- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)/OAS/United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) meetings on a National Action Plan on UNSCR 1540 for Ecuador.
- UNODA
 - Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit ninth meeting of biosafety/biosecurity assistance providers in Africa;
 - Training Course for UNSCR 1540 Points of Contact in the Asia-Pacific Region;
 - Vienna-based organizations' briefing to 2024 Disarmament Fellows;
 - Workshop on promoting national awareness of UNSCR 1540 in the Republic of Indonesia.
- UN Biorisk Working Group workstream two technical meeting.
- University of Buenos Aires postgraduate course "Specialization in Nuclear Law".
- Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) High-level workshop on universalization of legal instruments for nuclear security.

✦ Newest ICSANT State party: Mozambique



On 25 September, Mozambique deposited its instrument of ratification of ICSANT at the 2024 Treaty Event "Strengthening the Multilateral Treaty Framework" on the margins of the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly and will become **the 125th party to the Convention on 25 October**.

This event comes after over ten years of engagement between the CBRN Terrorism Prevention Programme and national authorities, aimed at highlighting the importance of the Convention and its benefits; most recently through a national visit to Mozambique to promote universalization and effective implementation of ICSANT.

🌐 Materials in Portuguese

A reminder that the following tools are available in Portuguese, in addition to all six UN official languages: **a Factsheet on ICSANT, a Leaflet on the criminalization requirements and other relevant provisions of ICSANT, a Manual of fictional cases related to offences under ICSANT, and eLearning modules on ICSANT and the international legal framework against CBRN terrorism.**



📝 New Project

Funded by the United States of America:
Understanding the International
Convention for the Suppression of Acts of
Nuclear Terrorism (2024-2026)



UNODC strives to mainstream human rights, gender equality, disability inclusion and prioritizes leaving no one behind.

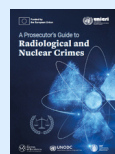
📖 Resources in focus

UNODC Repository of National Legislation for Implementing the Criminalization Provisions of ICSANT, CPPNM & A/CPPNM



A technical reference tool compiling existing practices for the use of criminal justice practitioners during their national implementation process.

UNICRI-IAEA-IAP-JRC-UNODC Prosecutor's Guide to Radiological and Nuclear Crimes



A technical guide to support investigation and prosecution processes involving radiological and nuclear crimes.

📖 Articles and publications

UNODC's article in UNICRI's 1540 Compass



Read about the critical role of international legal instruments against WMD proliferation by non-State actors.

International Conference on Nuclear Security (ICONS 2024): UNODC's technical paper



Read about UNODC's work on strengthening international cooperation through ICSANT.