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## UNLIREC receives support from Canada and the United States to continue projects being implemented in the Andean and Caribbean region

(Lima, April- 2011) - After months of hard work and numerous activities, the UNLIREC team successfully culminated the implementation of the first phase of its Caribbean project focusing on stockpile management and weapons destruction, as well as the second phase of its Andean project aimed at enhancing public security and promoting firearms control. The conclusion of the activities coincide with the announcement made by the governments of Canada and The United States of their intention to continue supporting the implementation of these projects in their subsequent phases. The assistance packages for both sub-regions form part of UNLIREC's strategy to provide specific assistance to the sub- regional needs and problems of Latin America and the Caribbean. ([more...](#))

### ▶ Highlights

#### The UN and EU promote regional dialogue on Arms Trade Treaty Negotiations

(Montevideo, April- 2011) - The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the European Union (EU) held a regional seminar entitled "Supporting the Arms Trade Treaty Negotiations through Regional Discussions and Expertise Sharing" for Latin American and Caribbean States within the framework of the ongoing ATT negotiations process. The event, which took place in Montevideo from 27 - 29 April 2011, was organized in collaboration with the Government of Uruguay. This regional seminar forms part of a series of regional initiatives organized by UNIDIR on behalf of the European

### ▶ Agenda

- ▣ Regional Seminar on "*The Montreux Document on private military and security companies*", 12-13 May, Santiago, Chile. Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, The Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs and the Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF).
- ▣ Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking (IITC), 16-27 May, Guatemala City, Guatemala. Organized by UNLIREC.
- ▣ Planning Mission for Phase II of UNLIREC's Firearms Destruction and Stockpile

Union. ([more...](#))

#### **Peru the site of a gathering of regional experts on firearms legislation**

(Lima, March- 2011) UNLIREC's Legal Team organized a workshop entitled "*Training for Legal Operators on Controlling the Legal Firearms Trade and Combating Their Illicit Trafficking*" with the aim of formulating specialized training material for judges, district attorneys and judicial police. The training course, which took place from 30 to 31 March, was held in Complejo Javier Pérez de Cuellar, home of the UN Common House in Peru and of UNLIREC. ([more...](#))

#### **UNLIREC invited to participate in 12th Regular Meeting of the CIFTA Consultative Committee**

(Washington, April- 2011) - Within the context of the excellent partnership maintained between the Organization of American States (OAS) and UNLIREC over the past years, UNLIREC was invited to participate in the 12th Regular Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Inter-American Convention Against Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (CIFTA) that took place at OAS headquarters in Washington D.C., USA, on 15 April 2011. ([more...](#))

#### **Bolivia strengthens its national capacities on combating against illicit firearms trafficking**

(La Paz, April - 2011) - Law enforcement officials of the Armed Forces, the National Police, Customs, the Prosecutor's Office and the Judiciary with direct responsibilities in combatting illicit firearms trafficking took part in the II Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking (IITC) held in the city of La Paz, from 4 to 16 April 2011. ([more...](#))

#### **The Colombian city of Pereira hosts training course on combatting illicit firearms trafficking**

(Pereira, April - 2011) - Located in the Colombian coffee core, the city of Pereira hosted the XIV Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combatting Illicit Firearms Trafficking (IITC), which took place from 7 to 18 March 2011. The training course gathered officials from the Armed Force, National Police, Customs, Prosecutor's Office, and the Judiciary with direct responsibilities in combatting illicit firearms trafficking with the aim of transferring practical knowledge and immediate applicable skills to the participant's professional responsibilities in combatting illicit firearms trafficking; encouraging and fostering

**Management Project**, 16-18 May, Kingston, Jamaica. Organized by UNLIREC.

- **Planning Mission for Phase II of UNLIREC's Firearms Destruction and Stockpile Management Project**, 19-20 May, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. Organized by UNLIREC.
- **The General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) on Public Security**, 5-7 June, San Salvador, El Salvador. Organized by OAS.
- **Ibero-American Safety Week**, 7-9 June, Quito, Ecuador. Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador.
- **Workshop for the Elaboration of the National Action Plan on Firearms**, 10 June, Quito, Ecuador. Organized by UNLIREC.
- **Support Workshop to the Diagnosis of Colombia**, 16-17 June. Bogota, Colombia. Organized by the Conflict Analysis Resource Center (CERAC) and UNLIREC.
- **VIII Seminar on UN 2001 PoA on Small Arms Implementation in Ibero-America**, 20-24 June, Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain and UNLIREC.

inter-institutional cooperation and communication at the operational level; providing a standard course format and materials that the State may apply in the future; and promoting the incorporation of course material into the national curricula of law enforcement institutes and academies. ([more...](#))

#### **UNLIREC contributes to successful confiscation of ammunition in Peru's northern border**

(Lima, May - 2011) - One of the main problems according to the participants of the Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking, Ammunition and Explosives (IITC), which took place in Tumbes, Peru from 7 to 18 March, was the necessity to fight against the so-called ammunition *ant trafficking*, whereby small quantities of ammunition enter into the country. In many occasions in which firearms and ammunition are confiscated, the judicial trials do not have a satisfactory outcome due to the lack of technical knowledge in relation to the definition and classification of ammunition or to the stipulations found in international and national legislation, especially with regard to information on licensing and registry systems. As a result, law enforcement officials oftentimes are obligated to return the confiscated goods. ([more...](#))

#### **UNLIREC participates at the 5th Meeting of the Observatory on Organized Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean**

(Mexico City, April- 2011) - UNLIREC's Public Security Coordinator, William Godnick, participated in his role as private security expert at the 5th Meeting of the Observatory on Organized Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean organized by the Freiderich Ebert Foundation (FES) and the Open Society Institute in Mexico City from 6 to 8 April 2011. This meeting forms part of FES' Cooperation Programme on Regional Security. ([more...](#))

#### **Andean States renew their commitment to Andean Decision 552**

(La Paz, April - 2011) - In a cordial and cooperative environment in La Paz, representatives from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, the Andean Community Technical Secretary, firearms regional experts and civil society organizations gathered from 11 to 12 April to continue to undertake practical measures to ensure the effective implementation of the Andean Plan to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects, commonly known as Andean Decision

552. [\(more...\)](#)

**Colombian civil society in favor of reducing armed violence and promoting development**  
(Bogota, April - 2011) - The International Forum entitled "*More Development: Less Arms*", sponsored by the Colombian Office of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), was held in Bogota on 25 March, in which several representatives of civil society organizations, Colombian governmental authorities and international organizations took part. [\(more...\)](#)

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