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## Ban Ki-moon reiterated United Nations support to the Peruvian initiative to reduce arms expenditures in the region

(Lima, February- 2011) - During the official visit to Peru last February, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, congratulated the Peruvian government's initiative for a "*Protocol of Peace, Security and Cooperation*" linked to regional disarmament and showed the support of the United Nations, in particular of the Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) to meet that goal ([More...](#))

### ► Highlights

**The High Representative for Disarmament Affairs highlights the commitment of the States of the region to peace and disarmament**

(Lima, February- 2011) - The High Representative for Disarmament Affairs of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Sergio Duarte, used his participation in the Seminar on "Peace, Security and Development in Latin America" organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences and the Holy See, to support the initiative of President Alan Garcia to reduce expenditures on armaments within the framework of Union of South American Nations (UNASUR). In this regard, the High Representative stressed that "UNLIREC, under the Office for Disarmament Affairs, is available to States to provide the assistance it may need" and expressed his gratitude to Peru for supporting the work of UNLIREC. ([More...](#))

### ► Agenda

- **Training Workshop on National Firearms Commissions**, 1 March 2011, La Paz, Bolivia. Organized by UNLIREC.
- **Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking (IITC)**, 7-18 March 2011, Tumbes, Peru. Organized by UNLIREC.
- **Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking (IITC)**, 7 -18 March 2011, Pereira, Colombia. Organized by UNLIREC.
- **Sub-regional Workshop for Judges and Prosecutors on International Disarmament Instruments**, 28-29 March 2011, Lima, Peru. Organized by UNLIREC.
- **Inter-Institutional Training Course on Combating Illicit Firearms Trafficking**

#### [UNLIREC reaffirms its commitment to the States of the region in the implementation of 1540 Resolution \(2004\)](#)

(Washington, Feb- 2011) - The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) participated as speaker at the meeting of the Committee on Hemispheric Security of the Organization of American States (OAS) and renewed its commitment to the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) and expressed its readiness to continue assisting the countries of the region. ([More...](#))

#### [UNLIREC supports Bolivia's efforts to create a National Firearms Commission](#)

(La Paz, March-2011) - UNLIREC showed its commitment to States of the region by facilitating the organization of the Seminar on National Firearms Commissions, which took place on 1 March in La Paz. The main objective of the activity was to provide inputs and recommendations to the Government of Bolivia for the establishment of this National Commission. ([More...](#))

[UNLIREC and Colombia cooperate in combating illicit trafficking of explosives](#) (Bogotá, February- 2011) - UNLIREC and the National Coordinating Committee for the Prevention, Combat and Eradication of Illicit Trafficking in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects organized the first Specialized Seminar for Judges and Prosecutors on the trafficking of explosives in Bogota, Colombia, at the end of February. The seminar counts on the participation of representatives from the Prosecutors' Office, the Judiciary, the National Police, Judicial Police, the Department of Arms Control and the Department of Administration and Justice, among others. ([More...](#))

#### [Ecuador receives comprehensive assistance package to combat illicit firearms trafficking](#)

(Quito, February- 2011) - UNLIREC and Ecuadorian authorities have successfully completed the implementation of all activities included in the comprehensive assistance package to combat illicit firearms trafficking. In this regard, Ecuador reaffirms its commitment to combating illicit firearms trafficking and represents one of the States in the region most benefitting from UNLIREC assistance. ([More...](#))

[UNLIREC collaborates with UNDP in the development of a training course for](#)

(IITC), 4-15 April 2011, La Paz, Bolivia. Organized by UNLIREC.

- [Sub-regional Seminar on the Implementation of Andean Decision 552](#), 11-12 April 2011, La Paz, Bolivia. Organized by UNLIREC.
- [Meeting of States Parties to the Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials \(CIFTA\)](#), April 15, 2011, Washington, USA. Organized by the Organization of American States (OAS).

**diplomats on public policies on citizen security**

(Panama City, February- 2011) - As part of the activities that UNLIREC is jointly developing with other agencies of the United Nations System, the Regional Centre participated as speaker at the Training Course for Diplomats on Public Policies on Citizen Security organized by the UNDP Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean and the University of Panama. ([More...](#))

**United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and IANSA strengthen their cooperation to combat firearms proliferation**

(New York, February- 2011) - The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen cooperation and joint initiatives with the aim of reducing the illicit proliferation and misuse of firearms. ([More...](#))

**UNLIREC shares best practices on stockpile management and firearms and ammunition destruction**

(Guatemala City, January- 2011) -UNLIREC took part in the Seminar on Stockpile Management and Weapons Destruction organized by the Organization of American States (OAS) in Guatemala City in January to share their expertise on stockpile management and weapons and ammunition destruction within the framework of its assistance package for Caribbean States. ([More...](#))

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