



## Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)

# Advancing the fight against nuclear terrorism

Recommendations and tools for the universalization and implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)

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Conference Room 1 ▶ UNHQ, New York

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Strengthening the international legal framework to prevent terrorism involving nuclear and other radioactive material remains a critical global priority. A radiological or nuclear terrorist attack would have severe humanitarian, environmental, and economic consequences, undermining international peace and security and confidence in the peaceful uses of nuclear technology. The International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT), endorsed by the 2010 NPT Review Conference, is a cornerstone of the global nuclear security architecture, providing a legal basis to criminalize nuclear terrorism and enhance international cooperation. However, despite strong initial uptake after its adoption in 2005, progress toward universalization of ICSANT has slowed, leaving gaps in the global legal regime.

Since 2019, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), through the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), with the support of the European Union, have been implementing an initiative to promote the universalization and effective implementation of ICSANT. A comprehensive study conducted by the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), in coordination with UNOCT/UNCCT, examines trends in adherence and identifies political, legal, and capacity-related challenges faced by States not yet party to the Convention.

This event will present the study's key findings and serve as a platform for dialogue among States and international partners on advancing universal adherence and effective implementation of ICSANT. It will showcase global and regional adherence trends, discuss identified challenges, and introduce practical implementation tools. By fostering exchange and cooperation, the event aims to reinforce international commitment to countering the terrorist use of nuclear and other radioactive material and to strengthening the broader nuclear security and non-proliferation regime.

### Lunch next to Vienna Cafe (12:30)

#### Opening (13:15)

- Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Center (UNCCT), United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT)
- Mr. Stephan Klement, Special Envoy Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, European Union

#### Challenges to adherence and pathways toward universalization and effective implementation of ICSANT

- UNCCT, UNOCT

#### Synergies with the Convention for the Protection of Nuclear Material, and its Amendment (A/CPPNM)

- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

#### Legislative tools and assistance opportunities

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

#### Overview of the relevant obligations set out in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540

- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

#### Member State perspectives and regional approaches to promoting ICSANT adherence and implementation

- Member States

#### Closing Remarks

- UNCCT, UNOCT