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UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament Hosts Digital Webinar Series to Strengthen the Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in South Asia and Mongolia.

KATHMANDU, 1 December 2020 (UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific) – As part of its region-wide initiative to support States with the implementation of UN Security Council resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004), the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) is organizing the “*Webinar Series to Strengthen the Implementation of UNSCR 1540 in South Asia and Mongolia*”. The event will be held as a series of webinars hosted digitally on 1, 8, and 15 December, respectively.

The Webinar Series will convene national officials from Bangladesh, the Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal and Sri Lanka, together with international experts from the Group of Experts to the Security Council 1540 Committee, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), the World Customs Organization (WCO), the US State Department, and the Stimson Centre.

The purpose of this project is to support the creation of reliable national and regional frameworks for preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), their materials, and means of delivery to non-state actors, as per the obligations of resolution 1540 (2004). Participants will complete an online course developed by UNODA’s Vienna Office in combination with attending the live webinars featuring expert presentations and open discussion segments. This is the first event in the Project that will run until January 2022 and will feature a combination of national and sub-regional engagements with the targeted States.

The Webinar Series will also promote the 2030 Agenda’s for Sustainable Development Goal 17, specifically 17.9 to enhance support for implementing national plans in developing countries, also through south-south cooperation.

This Webinar Series is made possible with financial support from the Government of the United States, through its Export Control and Related Border Security Program.

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