

The role of the UNRCPD in developing, facilitating and supporting follow up activities

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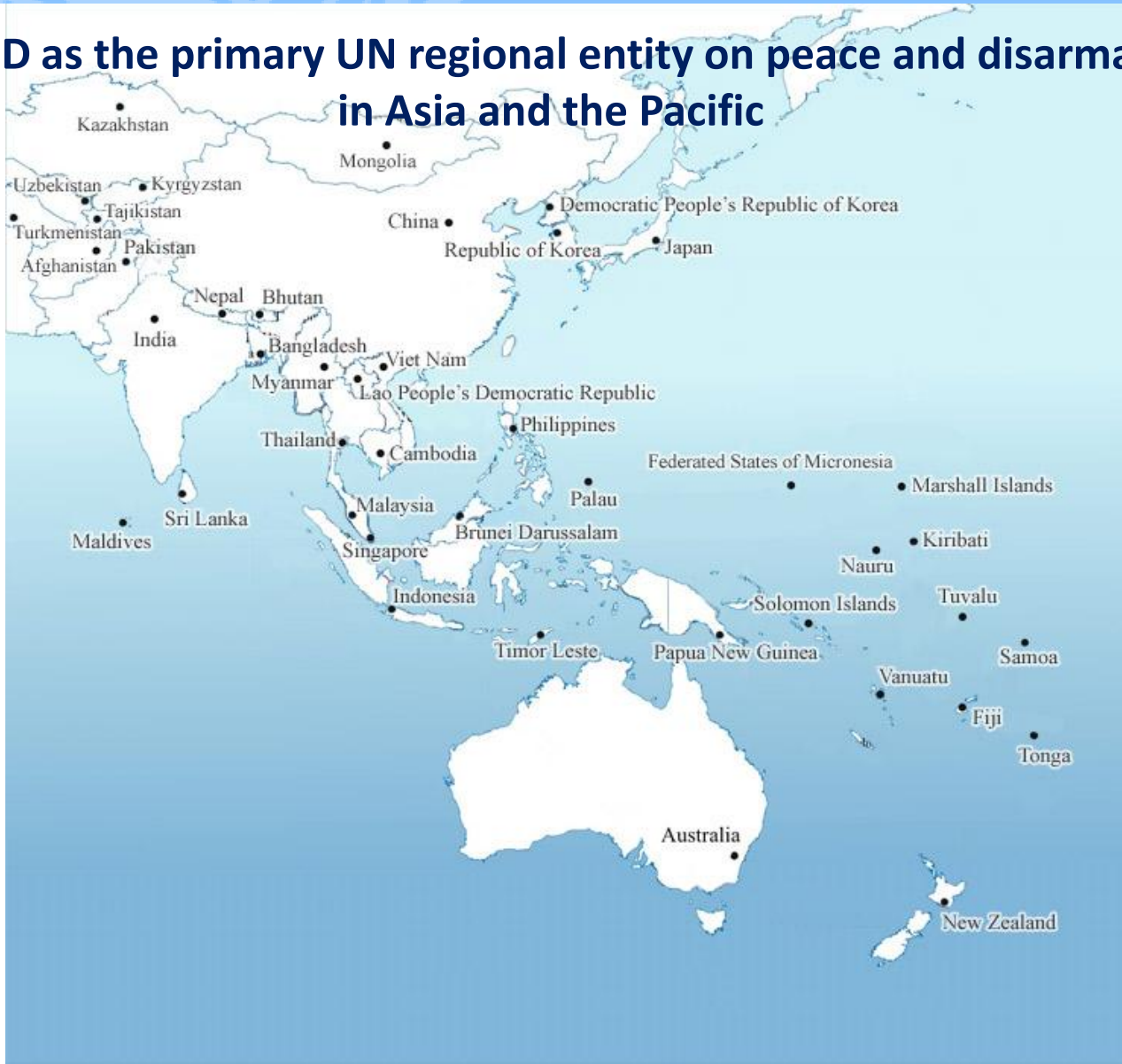
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Mandate of the UNRCPD

UN General Assembly resolution A/42/39D of 30 November 1987:
to provide, on request, substantive support for initiatives and other activities, mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asia Pacific region, for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, and to coordinate the implementation of regional activities in Asia and the Pacific.

**UNRCPD as the primary UN regional entity on peace and disarmament
in Asia and the Pacific**



Programmatic Areas

Promoting global disarmament and non-proliferation norms

To develop a region-oriented approach to translating global disarmament and non-proliferation norms in Asia and the Pacific by taking into account specific conditions prevailing in the region

Enhancing regional dialogue on disarmament, non-proliferation and security matters

To identify pressing disarmament, non-proliferation and security issues at the regional and sub-regional levels, provide a forum for dialogue in these issues and help develop practical solutions to them

Outreach and Advocacy activities

To enhance public awareness of the promotion of regional approaches towards disarmament within the framework of global peace and international security

I. Promoting global disarmament and non-proliferation norms

- Translate global norms
- Support development and review of national legislation
- Conduct or facilitate capacity building
- Resource mobilization
- Share information/Data base

II. Enhancing regional dialogue on disarmament, non-proliferation and security matters

- Support and facilitate regional meetings
- Identify needs & good practices
- Conduct & encourage research
- Support development of solutions
- Coordinate regional efforts
- Share information

III. Outreach and Advocacy activities

- Publications & reports
- Presentations & participation in events
- Exchange of information through meetings & events
- Website

Identified needs in Central and South Asia

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Legislative needs

- Specific (national) legislation or review of existing legislation to effectively deal with illicit brokering
- **Model law on illicit brokering** (see GGE guidelines & *How to* by UNDP)
- Clearer definitions on what constitutes brokering within legislation
- Address challenges related to the implementation of laws regarding (illicit brokering) of SALW
- Ban on arms trade by non-state actors (including ammunitions)
- More effective tracing mechanisms of illegal arms recovered inside countries

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Needs for capacity building

- ***Awareness raising & training*** (judiciary, law enforcement, parliamentarians, coast guards, customs officials, air control)
- Appropriate modern technology, instruments, machineries, equipments for arms checking, scanning and recovery as well as technical training to use modern technology, machineries and equipments for illegal arms control
- Need to tackle logistical challenges of implementation and control due to specific geographical conditions (human resources)

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Needs for collaboration and information

- ***More in depth assessment of the needs of Member States***
- Design or information exchange on national action plans
- Regional information exchange on illicit brokering of SALW (horizontal/vertical level)
- Increased bilateral agreements and collaboration
- Increased information exchange through reporting (existing measures, best practices)
- Increased transparency
- Collaboration on harmonizing different procedures on brokering in the region
- Development of a regional plan to tackle illicit brokering of SALW
- ***Information exchange on brokering networks*** (using the region as a base or as transit)
- Increased awareness of support to and collaboration with civil society (Public awareness campaigns)

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Other needs

- Devise of comprehensive action plan to regulate brokering activities
- More financial resources on the issue of arms control

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