Improvised Explosive Devices: Connecting Actors for Solutions

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UNIDIR’s Approach to Addressing the Threat of IEDs

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To undertake research in preventative strategies against IEDs

To develop voluntary self-assessment tool to assist States in identifying gaps and challenges in prevention and preparedness

Resolution 73/67 (2018)
IEDs pose a global threat and challenge. A comprehensive approach is essential to address the evolving threat of IEDs.
Key message 1:

Pursue Whole-of-Government and Sector engagement to identify and address risks of acquisition, fabrication and deployment.
Possible Information-Exchange Force Multiplier Points for Prevention

Whole of Government efforts

- At risk Components and chemical Precursors
- Regulatory gaps and vulnerabilities
- Securing Complex supply chains
- Physical security and management of materiel
- Accounting and Traceability
- Knowledge transfer
- Suspicious transactions
Key message 2:
Undertake national multi-stakeholder capability assessment to develop, maintain and improve prevention and preparedness against IEDs
Key message 3:

A **practical tool** for States to **self-assess** prevention and preparedness against IEDs to be released in **June 2020**
UNIDIR Self-Assessment Tool for States

• Establish **baseline of capabilities** across prevention and preparedness
• Indicate **critical capability gaps** and areas which need to be addressed to enable organisational improvement
• Frame of reference for **assessing maturity and progress**
• **Inform prioritization** in strategy
• Facilitate **cooperation and assistance** for national capacity building
• **Institutional learning at national level**: Allow the experience and lessons learned to be documented and discussed over time
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