

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

<b>Event:</b>	Visit to Grenada, at its invitation, to discuss the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)
<b>Organizers:</b>	Government of Grenada (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Business)
<b>Date and Venue:</b>	29-31 July 2013, St George's, Grenada
<b>Participants:</b>	Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Business  Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Business  Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Social Security  Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development's Drug Control Secretariat; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Business; Ministry of Legal Affairs; Bureau of Standards; Customs and Excise; Financial Intelligence Unit; Immigration Department; Royal Grenada Police Force and its Fire Department, Coast Guard and Port Security, and St. George's University  CARICOM 1540 Regional Coordinator  1540 Committee (Two Committee members and two experts)

### 1. Objectives

The objectives of the visit to Grenada were the following:

- Raising awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) among relevant national stakeholders, including with government political leaders;
- Assessing the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Facilitating gap analysis and identification of assistance needs, and;
- Discussing options for follow-up, including the submission of additional information to supplement Grenada's first report, points of contact and the option of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan.

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## **2. Background**

Resolution 1977 (2011) encouraged the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation. To date, the Committee has conducted visits to the United States (2011), Albania (2012), Madagascar (2012), Republic of Congo (2012) and Trinidad and Tobago (2013).

On 15 February 2013, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Grenada, Ms. Elizabeth Henry-Greenidge, extended a formal invitation to the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts to undertake a visit to Grenada in collaboration with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA).

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat has been facilitating the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) through its 1540 Implementation Coordinator.

## **3. Highlights**

The programme of the visit consisted of the following items:

- Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Business
- Opening ceremony
- Working sessions with national stakeholders
- On-site visit

### **3.1 Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Business**

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Business welcomed the 1540 Committee delegation to Grenada and expressed the commitment of his country to fully implement the obligations contained in resolution 1540 (2004). He also referred to the recently adopted Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and possible areas of convergence between this instrument and resolution 1540 (2004) such as on export controls. He recalled some legislation steps Grenada has taken to implement the resolution. He indicated his personal commitment to foster close cooperation with the 1540 Committee, and to facilitate fulfilling certain assistance needs of Grenada.

### **3.2 Opening Ceremony**

A statement on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Business was delivered by the Permanent Secretary of that Ministry, Ms. Elizabeth Henry-Greenidge. Ms. Henry-Greenidge highlighted several developments undertaken by Grenada since 2010 to meet the obligations of resolution 1540 (2004). In this regard, she highlighted the focus by CARICOM on preventing and combating terrorism. She indicated that a Regional Threat Assessment conducted in 2006 and early 2007, in advance of World Cricket Cup in 2007, acquainted policymakers and regional security experts with the reality of the increasing and significant vulnerability of the region and the capacity of terrorist to compromise the safety and security

small developing States. She also reaffirmed Grenada's commitment to support activities aimed at implementing resolution 1540 (2004), including through the support of regional programmes.

### **3.3 Working sessions with National Stakeholders**

National stakeholders that participated in the three day working sessions were representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development's Drug Control Secretariat; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Business; Ministry of Legal Affairs; Bureau of Standards; Customs and Excise; Financial Intelligence Unit; Immigration Department; Royal Grenada Police Force and its Fire Department, Coast Guard and Port Security, and; St. George's University.

The 1540 Committee experts made presentations on resolution 1540 (2004) with the objective to raise awareness among the national stakeholders and to facilitate discussions on existing gaps and possible next steps. The experts also made introductory remarks on the sessions that dealt with the national legal framework, border and import and export controls. The presentations covered the following:

- Resolution 1540 (2004) as a tool to combat proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors
- Assistance and capacity-building
- The 1540 Committee Matrix
- Voluntary National Implementation Action Plan

A representative of the Royal Grenada Police Force also made a presentation on the importance of the resolution 1540 (2004) for Grenada. Reference was also made to Grenada's 2012 Terrorism Act.

The CARICOM Regional Coordinator made a presentation on 1540 related developments in the region. He highlighted the lack of existing capacity in the legal, regulatory and administrative fronts.

Specific assistance needs were identified such as legal drafting assistance. In the context of Grenada's 1540 matrix, it was emphasized that information reflected in the matrix of Grenada mainly originates from its national report. Therefore, it is important that the Committee be kept informed of 1540 related developments in Grenada including on the designation of a point of contact.

### **3.4 On-site Visit**

The host country organized an on-site visit to the Port of St George's. Sites visited at the port included the container cargo area and the general cargo depot. A visit was also paid to the customs office.

#### **4. Outcome**

The visit was successful in raising awareness of the obligations of resolution 1540 (2004) and obtaining a reaffirmation of Grenada's commitment to fully implement their obligations in terms of the resolution.

The meeting identified specific follow-up steps to be undertaken by Grenada.

#### **5. Additional comments**

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