

Information Note¹

Event:	Visit to Lesotho, at the request of its Government, to assist with the drafting of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan
Organizer:	Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho
Date and venue:	12-14 April 2016, Maseru, Lesotho
Participants:	Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, 1540 Committee Experts

1. Background

Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages 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. Also, the resolution encourages all States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, National Implementation Action Plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee, as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts has interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans, including the Kyrgyz Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Moldova, Montenegro, Niger, Senegal, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Togo.

Through a communication from the Lesotho 1540 Point of Contact (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations), a request was made to the Committee to assist its Government to develop a NAP. This followed the submission of a request for assistance, including for supporting the drafting of a NAP.

2. Highlights and discussions

Besides drafting a NAP, the objectives of the visit included informing the national stakeholders of the 1540 obligations, conducting a dialogue on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) that included an analysis of Lesotho's 1540 matrix, and, where possible, updating the information in this matrix.

Participating national governmental stakeholders included the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations; Ministry of Defence and National Security; Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Culture; Ministry of Police; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministry of Justice; the Lesotho Revenue Authority (Customs), and; the Financial Intelligence Unit.

The visit also included bilateral meetings with some of these national stakeholders.

The 1540 Committee Experts made the following presentations:

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- Briefing on 1540 obligations
- Analysis of the 1540 matrix of Lesotho
- Overview of 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plans

An in-depth analysis was undertaken of Lesotho's 1540 matrix, which informed the identification of actions Lesotho should consider in the next three years to enhance its implementation of the resolution.

The draft NAP identifies a number of actions to be undertaken until 2018 in terms of identified priority areas in operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7 of resolution 1540 (2004).

3. **Additional Comments**

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