

Information Note¹

- Event:** Training Course for the 1540 Points of Contact (PoC) for the Asia-Pacific region
- Organizers:** China in cooperation with the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts and supported by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and venue:** 7 to 11 August 2017, Xi'an, China
- Participants:** *National participants:* Afghanistan, Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu and Viet Nam
Instructors from international and regional organisations: Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
Instructors from State(s): U.S. (Departments of State and Energy).

Background

- Training courses for 1540 PoC were held in China (September 2015) for the Asia-Pacific Region, in the Russian Federation (June 2016) for the OSCE Participating States and in Chile (October 2016) for the Latin American and Caribbean region.
- In resolution 2325 (2016) the Security Council urged the Committee to continue to undertake initiatives to strengthen the capacity of Points of Contact to assist in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), upon request the request of States, including through the continuation on a regional basis of the Committee's Point of Contact training programme.
- China offered to host, in cooperation with the 1540 Committee, a second training course for countries in Asia-Pacific region from 7 to 11 August 2017.

Overview

The aim of the training course was to provide the participants from States with an in-depth knowledge of resolution 1540 (2004) obligations and their implementation, as well of those of the follow-on resolutions, in particular resolution 2325 (2016). The course also provided an opportunity to strengthen cooperation and interaction among the Points of Contact and with the Committee. Opening addresses were given by the Chair of the 1540 Committee and a senior official of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs². The instruction was undertaken by the 1540 Group of Experts with the support representatives of international organisations and the U.S.

Additional comments For further information, please contact the 1540 Committee Experts by e-mail at 1540experts@un.org

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² The texts can be found on the 1540 Committee's web site at <https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/documents/Chair%20Statement%201540%20AP%20PoC%20Training%20Chn.pdf>
<http://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/documents/PoC%20Training%20Course%20Opening%20Remarks%20China%207%20Aug%202017.pdf>