

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

- Event:** United Nation Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) Regional Seminar
- Organiser:** Pakistan, 1540 Committee, supported by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and venue:** 14 and 15 March 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Participants:** *Governments:* Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, China, India, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Nepal, , Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkey, United States, Uzbekistan
- International Organisations:* International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), 1540 Group of Experts, UNODA
- Non-Governmental Organisations:* Twenty representatives from various local non-governmental academic and research organisations also participated as observers.

### **Background**

At the invitation of the government of Pakistan the seminar was designed to: i) promote awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) among government policy makers; ii) highlight and exchange information on national implementation efforts of participating countries; iii) identify individual challenges for the participating regional countries; iv) identify opportunities for collaboration in terms of implementation, law enforcement export controls and related matters; and, v) matching, where appropriate, assistance needs with offers. Representatives from 18 countries participated in the seminar. Representatives of directly relevant international organisations also attended.

### **Highlights**

The regional seminar took place over two days involving representatives from 18 countries and international organisations directly related to resolution 1540 implementation. Observers from local non-governmental organisations, academia and research institutions also attended. The discussions covered the full range of obligations arising from resolution 1540 (2004), the results of the 2016 Comprehensive Review and resolution 2325 (2016), assistance, a sharing of national experiences in implementation and the role of international and regional organisations in supporting implementation.

The international participants were taken on a visit to the Pakistan Centre of Excellence for Nuclear Security at Chakri. The visitors visited the training activities and facilities at the centre. They also witnessed a practical demonstration by dedicated security force of their operations.

### **Additional Comments**

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