

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

- Event:** Follow-up visits of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) to the Republic of Armenia and Georgia.
- Organizers:** Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) under the authority of the CTC, and the Governments of the Republic of Armenia and Georgia
- Date and Venue:** 11 to 13 July, Erevan, Armenia and 16 to 18 July 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia

### **Background**

- Resolutions 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016) reiterate the need to continue to enhance ongoing cooperation among the 1540 Committee, the 1267 Committee and the 1373 Committee (CTC) including through, as appropriate, enhanced information sharing, coordination on visits to States, within their respective mandates, technical assistance and other issues of relevance to all three committees.
- The 1540 experts participated previously in visits to States by CTC invitation to Myanmar in November 2011, Guyana and Suriname in October 2013, Mongolia in May 2014, Malta in October 2014, Uzbekistan in February 2015, Italy in March 2015, Kyrgyzstan in February 2016, Kazakhstan in May 2016 and Tajikistan in March 2017.
- On 30 May and 11 June 2018 CTED invited a 1540 expert to participate in the follow-up visits to Armenia and Georgia with a view to monitoring and promoting Armenia's and Georgia's implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), as well as discussing the implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004), including recent progress in this field and related technical assistance needs.
- On 5 February 2015 Armenia adopted a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) for resolution 1540 (2004) for 2015-2018.
- On 25 March 2015 Armenia submitted to the 1540 Committee a request for assistance in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- The visits with CTED were planned to include meetings with appropriate government officials during which subjects relevant to resolution 1540 (2004) such as the legislation and enforcement to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery, related customs controls, border security and proliferation financing will be discussed.

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## **Highlights**

### **Follow-up visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee to the Republic of Armenia on 11-13 July 2018**

On behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), conducted a visit to the Republic of Armenia from 11 to 13 July 2018 in follow-up to the Committee's initial visit of September 2007. The follow-up visit focused on progress made by Armenia in implementing the Committee's 2007 visit recommendations, as well as on measures introduced by Armenia to implement Security Council resolutions 1624 (2005), 2178 (2014) and other relevant Council resolutions.

The delegation discussed with Government authorities their implementation of different aspects of provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), and 2178 (2014) relating to legal matters, international cooperation, terrorism financing, law enforcement, and border management. The development and streamlining of penal anti-terrorist legislation relevant to the scope of 1540 resolution were also discussed during the meeting.

The delegation had an opportunity to visit international airport of Erevan and was briefed on procedures used to process goods and persons through the airport, including customs-control techniques. It also had an opportunity to observe screening of passenger's luggage. The delegation noted that all exits from the airport are equipped with stationary RPM's.

The 1540 Committee expert also had a separate meeting with the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and agencies involved in the implementation of voluntary Action Plan (NAP) for the implementation of the resolution 1540 adopted by Armenia in February 2015.

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### **Follow-up visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee to Georgia on 16-18 July 2018**

The Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), acting on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, conducted a visit to Georgia from 16 to 18 July 2018 in follow-up to the Committee's initial visit of September 2007. The follow-up visit focused on progress made by Georgia in implementing the Committee's 2007 visit recommendations and also addressed measures introduced to implement Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014) and other relevant Council resolutions.

The delegation discussed with Government authorities their implementation of different aspects of provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), and 2178 (2014) relating to legal matters, international cooperation, terrorism financing, law enforcement, and border management.

The delegation had opportunity to visit international airport of Tbilisi and to see airport exits equipped with RPMs. The delegation was briefed on procedures used to process goods and

persons through the airport, including customs-control techniques. It also had an opportunity to observe screening of passenger's luggage.

The 1540 Committee expert also had a separate meeting with the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and agencies involved in the implementation of resolution 1540.

### **Additional Comments**

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