

Information Note

- Event:** Chile-Colombia 1540 Peer Review
- Dates and venues:** 4-6 October 2017, Bogota, Colombia (First phase)
24-26 October 2017, Santiago, Chile (Second phase)
- Organizers:** Chile and Colombia, with the support of the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.
- Participants:** **Colombia:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Justice and Law, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture*, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism*, Ministry of Environment and Rural Development*, Tax and National Customs Department, National Police, National Intelligence Department**, National Health Institute, Colombian Agricultural Institute*, Risk Management Unit, Colombian Geological Service*, Military Industry (INDUMIN), Colombian Council of Chemical Safety*, Colombian Industrial Association*.
- Chile:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Interior and Public Security, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Health**, National Intelligence Agency, Chilean Commission of Nuclear Energy, National Customs Service, National Directorate of Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine, Investigation Police**, National Office for Emergencies.
- International Organisations:** Organization of American States Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (OAS-CICTE)

Background:

- Chile and Colombia informed the 1540 Committee, through a joint letter on 13 May 2015, about their Governments' decision to perform a peer review on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in order to share experiences and best practices for the effective implementation of their obligations under that resolution. On 9 August 2017 the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Chile and Colombia informed the agreed dates for this peer review and shared the proposed agenda for the first phase of this exercise.
- The peer review initiative is devised as a process, consisting of the exchange of visits of the delegations of the two countries. During the first phase a Chilean Delegation visited Colombia (4-8 October 2017) and during the second phase a Colombian Delegation visited Chile (24-26 October 2017).

* Participated only during the first phase in Bogota, Colombia.

** Participated only during the second phase in Santiago, Chile.

- The UN Office for Disarmament Affairs supported in the organization of this event.
- Similar exercises were carried out between Croatia and Poland in June and October 2013 and in December 2014 between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan followed by a trilateral meeting in which Belarus also participated in August 2016.

First Phase, Bogota, Colombia

The meeting was opened by the Director of Multilateral Political Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Ambassador Miguel Camilo Ruiz Blanco and the Deputy Director of International and Human Security of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Mr. Alberto Rodríguez. The opening ceremony also included interventions by the 1540 experts and the OAS/CICTE representative.

The Colombian delegation made presentations on the following topics:

- Implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Colombia
- The Colombian experience related to the implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC)
- The National Authority for the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of Chemical Weapons, Implementation of Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)
- Chemical Safety and Protection (Private Sector)
- Declarations and inspections by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- Normative and implementation measures on nuclear safety and security
- Customs control
- Single-window for exports control
- National Unit for Disaster Management

The delegations carried out two site visits: the nuclear research reactor at the Colombian Geological Service and El Dorado International Airport in Bogota.

Second Phase, Santiago, Chile

The meeting was opened by Mr. Frank Tressler, Director for International and Human Security of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and Ms. Giselle Gómez from the Multilateral Political Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia. Interventions were also made by the 1540 expert and the OAS/CICTE representative.

Presentations by the Chilean delegation included:

- Border controls and inter-ministerial coordination for the prevention of nuclear, biological, chemical and radioactive disaster
- Regulation of radioactive materials and chemicals
- Role of intelligence service in the implementation or resolution 1540 (2004)
- Regulation of nuclear activities and implementation of safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency

- Development of legislation on international trade of dual use materials
- Implementation of the CWC and the BWC

The delegations carried out two site visits, one to the National Customs Service in Valparaiso and the General Directorate for Maritime Territory and the Merchant Navy.

Additional comments

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