

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

- Event:** National Round Table on Implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)
- Organizer:** Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, with financial support from UNODA
- Date and Venue:** 6-7 December 2018, Malabo, Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- Participants:** Government of Equatorial Guinea:
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Planning, Ministry of External Security, Ministry of Fishing and Water Resources, Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons, Ministry of Education, University Education and Sports, Ministry of Industry and Energy, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Justice, Culture and Prisons, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forests and Environment, Ports Administration, National Electricity Company of Equatorial Guinea.
- UN entities:
- UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC),  
1540 Committee Experts

### Background

In operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) the Security Council recognizes that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of the resolution. In operative paragraph 5 of resolution 1810 (2008) the Security Council encourages States to convey assistance requests to the Committee. Resolution 2325 (2016) emphasizes the importance of providing States, in response to their requests, with effective assistance that meets their needs.

In a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee dated 26 April 201, the Government of Equatorial Guinea requested technical and financial assistance to hold a workshop to provide training for national experts on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and, following discussions between Experts of the 1540 Committee and the Permanent Mission of

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Equatorial Guinea in New York, on 4 October 2018 the Government of Equatorial Guinea sent an invitation to the Committee to conduct a seminar/training workshop in Equatorial Guinea on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The workshop was to take place 6-7 December 2018.

## **Overview**

The Workshop was opened by her Excellency Señora María Ángeles Miaga, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Patrimony of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. She stated that the seminar was very important for the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. The Republic of Equatorial Guinea was committed to full implementation of the global architecture of controls on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and in particular resolution 1540 (2004). Collaboration and cooperation between states to this end was essential.

The 1540 Experts made detailed presentations about the background to resolution 1540 (2004), the requirements of the resolution, the role of the Committee, national reports, the Committee's matrices and the Committee's role in facilitating fulfilment of assistance requests.

The Experts analysed the matrix held by the Committee of Republic of Equatorial Guinea's matrix which is dated 2015. Participants agreed that probably additional legislation and regulations needed to be properly reflected when the matrix was updated in 2019.

The 1540 Experts also carried out an analysis of the implementation report submitted by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on 17 October 2017. They made presentations on the details of the Chemical Weapons Convention, Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention and on the proliferation finance requirements of resolution 1540.

During the final session of the Workshop the Experts encouraged participants to consider possible elements of a voluntary national implementation plan. Participants undertook to consider the Republic of Equatorial Guinea's 1540 priorities and next steps on the basis of the Workshop discussions.

In closing, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Patrimony of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea declared that the Workshop objectives had been achieved and extended thanks to the Committee and its Group of Experts for their efforts to make it a success.

## **Additional Comments**

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