

Information Note¹

- Event:** 1540 Committee visit to Guatemala
- Organisers:** Guatemala and the 1540 Committee supported by Canada
- Date and venue:** 27-28 November 2017, Guatemala City, Guatemala
- Participants:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of Health, Technical Secretariat of the National Security Council, National Civil Police, INTERPOL (Guatemala), General Staff, Superintendence of Tax Administration (Customs), National Secretariat of Science and Technology, Public Prosecutor.
- 1540 Group of Experts, Organization of American States/Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS/CICTE)

Background

- The Organization of American States / Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism and the 1540 Group of Experts have been working to support Latin American and Caribbean States in their implementation of key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004) and in the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NAPs), including in Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay.
- On 12 November 2017 the Deputy Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations sent a note to the 1540 Committee Chair forwarding a letter by the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, Ms. Alicia Castillo, requesting the support of the Group of Experts to carry out a second visit to Guatemala with a view to continue working on the development of Guatemala's draft NAP.
- During the first visit to Guatemala, from 9-11 November 2016, the 1540 Committee Experts made a series of presentations on resolution 1540 (2004), its main obligations and the measures identified in the 1540 matrix of Guatemala. Subsequently, national authorities made presentations about their respective mandates related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- The 1540 Experts also made a presentation highlighting possible elements to be included in a voluntary NAP of Guatemala. Subsequently, the Guatemalan participants identified some areas and measures to be included in a voluntary NAP and developed a first draft.

Highlights

The welcoming remarks were delivered by Ambassador Mónica Bolaños, Director General of International Multilateral and Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala. Ambassador Bolaños reaffirmed Guatemala's commitment to implement resolution 1540 (2004) and to

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develop a voluntary National implementation Action Plan (NAP). The 1540 Expert and CICTE/OAS representative also delivered a statement during the opening session.

The 1540 Expert made two presentations, one on resolution 1540 (2004), its obligations, the context in which the resolution was adopted and on the current proliferation challenges, including on the advancement in science and technology. The second presentation made was on the Guatemala 1540 matrix.

The CICTE/OAS representative made a presentation on the experience of the OAS/CICTE in supporting NAPs in other States in the region and made reference to several examples of NAPs from the region.

On the second day, participants continued their discussions on the possible elements to be included in the plan and further refined the draft developed the previous year.

Additional comments

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