

Information Note¹

- Event: National Action Plan (NAP) implementation review meeting of Kyrgyzstan on UNSCR 1540.
- Organisers: United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNODA/UNRCPD) and Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- Date and venue: 8 – 10 March 2016, Vienna, Austria
- Participants: *Kyrgyz Governmental officials:* Ministry of Economy, State Customs Service, State Border Service, Ministry of Emergency Situations, and Ministry of Health.
- UN entities, international/regional organisations:* United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNODA/UNRCPD), OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and 1540 Committee expert.
- Others:* United States Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS)

1. Background

Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of the necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation. Also, the resolution encourages all States to prepare on a voluntary basis National Implementation Action plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts have interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malawi , Niger, Senegal, Tajikistan and Togo.

With the assistance of the OSCE and the Group of Experts Kyrgyzstan developed its NAP for 2013 - 2015. In 2016 Kyrgyzstan has requested the Committee and the 1540 Group of Experts to assist the relevant Kyrgyz authorities in the conduct of a national round table to consider the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by Kyrgyzstan and a renewal of Kyrgyzstan's National Implementation Action Plan (NAP).The round table took place in Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan in September 2016.

On 21 February 2016 the Director of the UNODA Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific addressed a letter to the Chair, inviting a representative of the Group of Experts to participate in a National Action Plan implementation review

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meeting of Kyrgyzstan. The meeting was supported by the UNODA/UNRCPD and the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre.

2. Overview

▪ Opening statements were delivered by Mr. A.Tiumenbaev, Deputy Minister of Economy of Kyrgyzstan, M.Peshko, Director OSCE CPC, Y.Kryvonos, Director UNRCPD and by a 1540 Committee Expert.

The speakers highlighted the importance of full implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004) in Central Asia as well as the need for enhanced regional coordination and sharing of effective practices in this field. They welcomed Kyrgyzstan's intention to develop a new 1540 NAP for 2017-2019.

National presentations were provided by representatives of Kyrgyzstan on efforts to implement resolution 1540 (2004), including implementation of the NAP followed by presentations and statements by representatives of international organisations (IO) on UNSCR 1540 (2004) related activities and existing assistance programmes.

The 1540 Committee Expert made a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004) and its status of implementation in the OSCE and Central Asia regions and on recent 1540-related developments including the Comprehensive Review finalised in 2016 and new resolution 2325 (2016), aimed at strengthening resolution 1540 (2004).

By the end of the meeting a set of provisions needed to be included in a new NAP, as well as technical and financial assistance needs for the implementation of non-proliferation measures related to WMD were identified.

3. Additional Comments

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