

Information Note¹

- Event:** Summer School on Disarmament and Non Proliferation
- Organizers:** Government of Mexico, The Diplomatic Academy of Mexico “Instituto Matías Romero” in coordination with the James Martin Center for Non-proliferation Studies (CNS) of the Monterey Institute for International Studies.
- Date and venue:** 13 July 2017, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Participants:** *Government of Mexico:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Representatives of: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Background

The Government of Mexico, through the *Instituto Matías Romero* invited diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean to the 2017 Session Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

The Director General for the United Nations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, sent a letter, dated 21 June 2017, to the 1540 Chair requesting him to appoint a 1540 Committee expert to make a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004). A 1540 expert participated in previous sessions of this Summer School project, which have been also opportunities to discuss bilaterally with diplomats of participating States possible future 1540 related activities and projects.

Overview

This was the fourth edition of a Summer School aimed at diplomats of Latin America and the Caribbean. The objective of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs was to provide an academic space to discuss the importance of nuclear disarmament and to support the United Nations efforts in promoting nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education.

The programme included a series of sessions devoted to disarmament and non-proliferation topics and a specific session on the study of resolution 1540 (2004) and its implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The 1540 expert made a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004), its current challenges and the international non-proliferation environment. He briefed students about the main 1540 obligations, and the main elements included in resolution 2325 (2016), the structure and working methods of the 1540 Committee and the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans. He also referred to initiatives by States in the region such as the development of 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plans.

Among others participants raised questions regarding export control regimes, the use of chemical weapons by non-state actors in the Middle East and the functioning of the 1540 assistance mechanism.

Additional comments

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