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Event:	Capacity Building Workshop: Strategic Trade Control Enforcement under the framework of Resolution 1540 (2004)
Organizer:	Government of Zambia in cooperation with the UNODA, the 1540 Group of Experts, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the European Union
Date and venue:	20-22 August 2018, Lusaka, Zambia
Participants:	Government of Zambia: Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Mines & Minerals Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Zambian Police, Zambian Revenue Service, Drug Enforcement Commission, Ministry of Health, National Anti-Terrorism Centre, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Commerce, Zambian Environmental Management Agency, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Agriculture, Radiation Protection Authority; University of Zambia; 1540 Committee Experts; UNODA; World Customs Organisation (WCO); Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW); the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC); Embassy of the United States of America

Background

Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) recognises that some States may require assistance in the implementation of the resolution and invited States in a position to do so to offer assistance in response to requests by States. In resolution 1810 (2008), the Council urged the Committee to continue strengthening its role in facilitating assistance, including by engaging in matching offers and requests for assistance, thereby establishing its "matchmaking" role. The Committee took up this role by matching assistance requests from States seeking assistance with offers from States or international, regional or sub-regional organisations in a position to provide assistance.

On 26 October 2015, the Government of Zambia submitted to the Committee a request for assistance. In this document, Zambia requested specific assistance to train customs authorities on strategic trade controls related to resolution 1540 (2004). On 9 April 2018, UNODA sent to the Committee a letter informing that UNODA, in cooperation with WCO and the European Union, were available to provide Strategic Trade Control Enforcement training for customs officials of Zambia. In the same letter, UNODA invited the 1540 Committee and its Group of

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Experts in the preparation of this training to provide valuable technical assistance, emphasizing the importance of strategic trade controls and the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) to customs officials in Zambia. Through a Note Verbale dated 27 July 2018, the Government of Zambia requested the participation of the Committee and its Group of Experts in a workshop in Lusaka from 20 to 22 August 2018.

Highlights

The Workshop provided an opportunity for the 1540 Group of Experts to broaden the understanding of national stakeholders in Zambia of 1540 obligations, to re-emphasize the importance of the full and effective implementation of the resolution to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons to and by non-State actors, and to exchange views on the specific measures Zambia has undertaken in this regard. The Workshop participants were actively engaged in the analysis of Zambia's implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and the subsequent drafting of a roadmap to further strengthen national implementation, which not only identified the responsible national authorities and timelines, but also areas where further assistance may be required.

The WCO and the Zambian authorities will implement the Strategic Trade Control Enforcement aspects of the roadmap for Zambia, which is expected to include a 4-day national workshop for frontline detection staff, a one-day awareness seminar for senior managers of relevant Ministries and representatives of stakeholder agencies.

Additional Comments

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