

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

**Events:** National Roundtable on Countering the Financing of Terrorism and the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction *and* National Legislative Workshop on the Implementation of Transport-related Maritime Counter-Terrorism International Legal Instruments

**Organizers:** UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka

**Date and Venue:** National Roundtable 27-28 August 2018, National Legislative Workshop 28-31 August, both in Colombo, Sri Lanka

### **Participants from Government of Sri Lanka:**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Law and Order, Ministry of Ports and Shipping, Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Financial Intelligence Unit Central Bank, Atomic Energy Regulatory Council, Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board, State Intelligence Service, Terrorist Investigation Division of Sri Lanka Police, Department of Export & Import, Attorney General's Department, Ministry of Science, Technology & Research, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka Customs, CBRN Squadron Sri Lanka Air Force, Sri Lanka Navy, CBRN Squadron Sri Lanka Army, Department of Immigration & Emigration, Sri Lanka Coast Guard, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Public Administration & Management.

---

<sup>1</sup> For information – not an official report. The views expressed here do not necessarily represent those of the 1540 Committee or of the organisers or participants in the event.

**Other participants:** UNODC, IMO, UNODA RCPD (Kathmandu), 1267 Panel of Experts, 1540 Group of Experts.

## **Background**

- Under operative paragraph 1 of resolution 1540 (2004) all States are required to refrain from providing any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery.
- Under operative paragraph 2 of resolution 1540 (2004), all States must adopt and enforce appropriate effective laws to prohibit any non-State actor from financing activities related to manufacturing, acquiring, possessing, developing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery. In addition, operative paragraph 3(d) decides that all States shall establish appropriate effective national controls on providing funds and services related to export of WMD related materials, including the financing of such activities. It also requires States to establish and enforce appropriate criminal or civil penalties for violations.
- Under operative paragraph 12 of resolution 2325 (2016) the 1540 Committee is asked to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004), in particular measures relating to national export and transshipment controls, and to proliferation finance.

## **Overview**

These two meetings were intended to support the Sri Lankan government to implement UN Security Council measures to counter financing of terrorism and financing of proliferation, including resolution 1540 (2004), and to formulate and implement as necessary legislation related to Transport-related Maritime Counter-Terrorism International Legal Instruments. Participants agreed that resolutions 1540 (2004) and 2325 (2016) were key elements in the regional security architecture. Non-state armed groups were a significant threat in the Indian Ocean area.

The meetings provided participants with the opportunity to discuss how to improve existing legislation, to consider challenges of implementation of such legislation and to consider future threats and developing issues. The meetings demonstrated that the Sri Lankan government had appropriate legislation in place in many areas, although some gaps still existed and some implementation challenges remained

The discussions enabled participants to identify areas in which technical assistance would be helpful.

Participants considered the meetings a useful opportunity to discuss amongst themselves the challenges of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and to learn about the 1540 Committee's programme of work. In turn the 1540 representative was able to learn in detail about the challenges of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in the region.

The 1540 Expert also held informative discussions with relevant Sri Lankan officials responsible for implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

### **Additional Comments**

For further information, please contact the 1540 Committee experts by e-mail at [1540experts@un.org](mailto:1540experts@un.org).