

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

**Event:** Seminar “Security Council Resolution 1540: Enhancing strategic Trade and Border Controls in Latin America and the Caribbean”.

**Organisers:** The Regional Centre for Peace Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) in cooperation with the Organization of American States (OAS) through the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE) with the financial support of the Government of Canada.

**Date and venue:** 25- 26 April 2017, Lima, Peru.

**Participants:** Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

*Other States:* Canada, United States.

*International and regional organizations:* 1540 Group of Experts, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, International Maritime Organization, CARICOM

*Non-Governmental Organisations:* Stimson Center

### **Background**

- The 1540 Group of Experts has been working with UNLIREC to strengthen the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in some States in the region, including through the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NAPs) for Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Peru, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.
- Similarly, the 1540 Group of Experts has been working with OAS/CICTE in Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay.

### **Highlights**

#### **Regional Seminar**

The opening remarks were made by the Director of UNLIREC, the Executive Secretary of CICTE/OAS, a representative of the Government of Canada and the participating 1540 Expert.

The representative of Canada made a presentation on the Canadian Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Threat Reduction Programme.

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Among the international organizations, the CICTE/OAS representative spoke about the different export control regimes and their elements. A representative of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) spoke on the international instruments in its realm that have a bearing on resolution 1540 (2004),

Several national delegations shared their experiences in the 1540 realm. Among them, Chile, Dominican Republic and Panama presented on the development of their respective National Implementation Action Plans. Chile also shared its experience related to the development of its draft export control law. Panama referred to two recently approved Executive Decrees on the trade control and safe transportation of dual use materials and on the establishment of a National Inter-ministerial Plan to prevent and respond to CBRNE incidents.

The delegations of Chile and Colombia briefed participants about the preparations carried out for their Peer Review, scheduled to take place in July-August this year.

Representatives of the customs administrations of Jamaica and Uruguay explained their programmes related to resolution 1540 (2004).

### **UNLIREC's guide to control lists for CARICOM States**

The central presentation of the seminar related to UNLIREC's guide to control lists for CARICOM States. The main purpose of this project by UNLIREC, which was financially supported by Canada and the United States, was to develop a ready-made WMD comprehensive control list that encompasses all of the strategic goods and technologies necessary in order to effectively implement resolution 1540 (2004). The Project is essentially comprised of three complementary products: a Guide to Control Lists and two companion documents – a comprehensive control list and a smaller, operational WMD Focus List.

### **Additional comments**

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