

Information Note¹

Event: Organisation of American States 17th Regular Session of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism

Location: Washington DC, USA

Date: 6 April 2107

Organisers: Organisation of American States (OAS)

Participants: *Governments:* OAS Member States (35)
Observers:
States: Italy, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Spain.
International Organisations: Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), World Customs Organisation (WCO), 1540 Group of Experts
Regional Organisations: European Union

Background

The Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE) is composed of all Member States of the OAS and holds one regular session each year as a forum for discussion and decision-making on counter terrorism issues, measures, and cooperation. The Committee also discusses the prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors. The CICTE Secretariat develops cooperation programmes for its Member States on these issues. The 1540 Group of Experts has participated in the annual Regular Sessions of CICTE when the agenda directly covered resolution 1540 issues.

Highlights

At this Regular Session of CICTE a discussion of resolution 1540 was included in the agenda. Representatives of the OPCW and WCO and the 1540 Group of Experts presented on their perspectives on resolution 1540 (2004) implementation and participated in a discussion during one of the plenary sessions. The 1540 Expert spoke on the salient points of the outcome of the 2016 Comprehensive Review and the resulting resolution 2325 (2016). He also recalled the activities recently conducted and planned for the OAS region.

During the meeting the OAS Secretariat announced that they had now appointed a 1540 Coordinator to their staff.

Additional Comments

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