

Information Note¹

- Event:** A visit to support the authorities of the Republic of Peru to enhance implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) regarding biological weapons and related materials
- Organizer:** Hosted by the Government of Peru in co-operation with the 1540 Committee and supported by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 14-16 November 2018 – Lima, Republic of Peru
- Participants:** International participants: 1540 Committee Group of Experts, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
- National officials: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Defense, National Police, National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA), National Tax Administration Superintendent (SUNAT), National Authority for the Chemical Weapons Convention (CONAPAC)

Background

Resolution 1540 (2004) requires that all States, in accordance with their national procedures, shall adopt and enforce appropriate effective laws that prohibit any non-State actor certain activities regarding WMD as well as, among other actions, prohibit the financing of any such activities. Resolution 1540 (2004) further requires all States to take and enforce, *inter alia*, effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials.

Furthermore, resolutions 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016) encourage all States that have submitted a national implementation action plan to provide, when appropriate or upon the request of the 1540 Committee, additional information on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including, voluntarily, on States' effective practices. The Republic of Peru submitted their last national implementation action plan on 27 July 2017.

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In a letter dated 21 August 2018, the authorities of Peru requested technical and financial support from the 1540 Committee to organize a workshop dedicated to helping them to identify the gaps related to legislation regarding biological weapons and related materials.

Highlights

From November 14 to 28, 2018, the Government of Peru, organized a three-day meeting in Lima, Peru. During that meeting, the 1540 Experts were able to enrich the understanding of the participants of their obligations under resolution 1540 (2004) as well as they analyzed the gaps registered in their approved matrix related to Operative Paragraphs 2 and 3 (a, b, c, and d) of resolution 1540 (2004) regarding biological weapons and related materials. Furthermore, the 1540 Experts examined with the participants the level of fulfilment of the National Action Plan and they were helped to formulate possible adjustments according to the level of implementation.

In this regard, participants were encouraged to submit a formal request for assistance to the 1540 Committee in order to achieve the pendant goals of their National Action Plan.

Additional Comments

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