

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

**Event:** The Henry L. Stimson Center Workshop on Chemical Security and 1540 National Action Plans (NAPs)

**Organizer:** Stimson Center

**Date and Venue:** 3-4 March 2020, Stimson Center, Washington DC

### Background

- On 18 February 2020, Dr Richard Cupitt, Senior Fellow and Director of the Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention Program at the Stimson Center, sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting a representative of the Committee to take part in the Stimson Center's Workshop on Chemical Security and 1540 NAPs in Washington DC during 3-4 March.
- According to the organisers, the workshop would focus on turning 1540 NAPs into action, specifically in the context of chemical security. The Stimson Center would also introduce its new online tool ChemLEXIS, a Chemical Security Legal Index, and explore if and how ChemLEXIS can contribute to implementing 1540 National Action Plans for Paraguay, Suriname, and Uzbekistan. A representative of the 1540 Committee was asked to give a presentation or remarks on the linkages between resolution 1540 and chemical security.

### Overview

#### Day 1:

The first two presentations were on international obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and 1540. A Stimson researcher, Ms Mary Vecellio, went through the obligations under the CWC, highlighting the OPCW's National Implementation Framework (NIF). The 1540 Expert then gave his presentation on how resolution 1540 (2004) addresses chemical security, and the status of implementation of chemical security measures by States, drawing attention to OP 3(a)-(b).

The participants next heard a presentation on turning NAPs into actions from Dr Rick Cupitt, followed by presentations on national realities in Paraguay and Suriname in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) and the CWC. The presentations by Paraguay and Suriname were followed by one focusing on the common elements in their NAPs. Ms Mary Vecellio from the Stimson Center identified the following: interagency co-ordination; legislative development (or

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amendments) and reviewing existing legislation; and a strong commitment to international treaties, conventions and initiatives.

Dr Cupitt from the Stimson Center then discussed best practice approaches to chemical security and how this can be linked to NAPs, and gave a description of their chemical security risk reduction project. The participants were also introduced to a live demo of Stimson's online prototype for ChemLexis available at: <https://chemlexis.stimson.org/>.

#### Day 2:

On Day 2, the participants took part in a ChemLexis exercise, using the prototype to identify legislation relevant to training, inspections and licensing. Participants were also encouraged to provide feedback on the prototype.

#### **Additional Comments**

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