

Information Note¹

Event:	National roundtable on identifying legal and technical assistance to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by Suriname.
Organisers:	Government of Suriname, United Nations Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
Date and venue:	12 April 2017, Paramaribo, Suriname
Participants:	Government of Suriname, UNLIREC, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, 1540 Group of Experts

Background

On 19 January 2017, a letter by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs invited the 1540 Committee and a member of the 1540 Group of Experts to participate in a meeting with the Government of Suriname on identifying their initial needs and priorities to facilitate legal and technical assistance for their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The meeting also provided an opportunity to present Suriname's National Legal Study Presentation on findings and recommendations undertaken by UNLIREC. The event was funded by the Canadian government under their grant to support activities of the 1540 Committee and its Experts in Latin America and the Caribbean in cooperation with UNLIREC.

Highlights

The roundtable in Paramaribo has been organised by Suriname's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with funds from the Government of Canada, in co-operation with the UNLIREC. One of the purposes of the roundtable was to present Suriname with UNLIREC's its resolution 1540 National Legal Study and highlight to national authorities its key findings and recommendations. The event was attended by 30 participants representing a broad-range of government stakeholder organisations.

The 1540 Focal Point of Suriname made a presentation on "The status quo of Suriname with respect to its commitments under the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540".

The CARICOM 1540 Regional Implementation Coordinator provided a presentation on the CARICOM-UNSCR 1540 Implementation Programme.

The 1540 Expert made a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004), its links with the existing non-proliferation treaties and agreements, the 2016 Comprehensive Review of the resolution 1540 (2004) and the adoption of resolution 2325 (2016). A separate presentation was provided by the 1540 Expert on existing 1540 National Implementation Action Plans (NAPs).

In order to start the process of developing a NAP for Suriname UNLIREC presented the draft of its National Legal Study. The National Legal Study analysed Suriname's existing legislative

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framework in relation to the operative paragraphs of resolution 1540 to provide an overview of the Suriname's current state of 1540 legislative implementation.

Additional Comments

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