

Information Note¹

- Event:** Meeting on developing a National Action Plan (NAP) of Turkmenistan on the implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).
- Organizer(s):** Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in cooperation with the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNODA/UNRCPD).
- Date and Venue:** 22-23 January 2018, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.
- Participants:** Turkmenistan, OSCE, UNRCPD and the 1540 Committee Group of Experts.

Background

- Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of the necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and to continue to participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at the international, regional, sub regional and national levels. Further resolution 2325 (2016) in its operative paragraph 5 “encourages States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, National Implementation Action Plans with the assistance of the 1540 Committee...”.
- Turkmenistan submitted a national report to the 1540 Committee on 10 September 2004.
- In 2014 a workshop on implementation of resolution 1540 was organized in Turkmenistan by the OSCE. As a follow up, the UNODA/UNRCPD and the OSCE organised a national event on the development of a 1540 NAP from 29-30 June 2017 to further develop Turkmenistan’s NAP.
- On 5 January 2015, the Head of OSCE Centre in Ashgabat, Ambassador Natalya Drozd sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee, inviting representatives of the Group of Experts to participate in a final meeting on developing a NAP of Turkmenistan on the implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004), which provided an opportunity for a comprehensive review of the draft plan.

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Highlights and discussions

Representatives of Turkmenistan's law-enforcement bodies and other relevant institutions and ministries participated in a discussion on the national and regional implementation of UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction on 22-23 January 2018 in Ashgabat.

Organized by the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat and the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre in cooperation with the UNRCPD/ UNODA with the participation of the 1540 Committee Group of Experts, the event once again aimed to assist the Government of Turkmenistan in developing a National Action Plan on the Implementation of UNSCR 1540.

The final meeting on developing a NAP of Turkmenistan on the implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004) provided an opportunity for a comprehensive review of the draft plan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall submit a draft NAP to the Office of the Government of Turkmenistan for approval.

Additional Comments

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