

Information Note¹

- Event:** National event assisting Turkmen authorities to develop a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) on UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).
- Organizer(s):** Turkmenistan, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in cooperation with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs' (UNODA) Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD).
- Date and Venue:** 29 - 30 June 2017, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.
- Participants:** Turkmenistan, OSCE, UNRCPD and the 1540 Committee Group of Experts.

Background

- The OSCE has been very active with regard to regional and national implementation efforts of resolution 1540 (2004) including through a series of OSCE Ministerial Council Decisions, the establishment of a 1540 coordination mechanism within the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) of the OSCE Secretariat, as well as through numerous initiatives of its Participating States at the national level, including the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NAP) to implement resolution 1540 (2004), with the support of the OSCE.
- In 2014 a workshop on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) was organised in Turkmenistan by the OSCE. As a follow up the UNODA/UNRCPD and the OSCE organised this national event on the development of a 1540 NAP.
- On 15 June 2017 the UNODA/UNRCPD invited the 1540 Committee to send 1540 Experts to take part in this event.
- 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.

Highlights and discussions

Thirty representatives of Turkmenistan’s law-enforcement bodies and other relevant institutions and ministries including the Ministries of Defence, National Security, Internal Affairs, as well as the State Border and Customs Services and the State Service to protect the Security of a Healthy Society of Turkmenistan participated in a roundtable discussion on the national and regional implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The event was aimed at assisting Turkmenistan in developing a 1540 National Implementation Action Plan. The 1540 Committee, UNRCPD and OSCE experts, together with Turkmenistan’s authorities, discussed national measures to ensure the effective implementation of the operative

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paragraphs of resolution 1540 at the policy, legislative and enforcement levels, including through development of a National Implementation Action Plan. The 1540 Expert made presentations on resolution 1540 (2004), as well as on the 2016 Comprehensive Review of the resolution 1540 (2004) and the adoption of resolution 2325 (2016) 2016. During the meeting draft framework and structured outline of a NAP were worked out. In a course of discussions with national stakeholders key elements and measures to include in a future Turkmen NAP were also identified.

Additional Comments

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