

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

- Event:** Regional Seminar on 1540 Implementation “Enhancing Strategic Trade and Border Controls in Latin America and the Caribbean”
- Organizer:** United Nations Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
- Date and Venue:** 7 – 8 March 2018, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Participants:** *States:* Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, México, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Vincente and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay. *International, regional and sub regional organizations:* Caribbean Community (CARICOM), International maritime Organization (IMO), The Organization of American States - Interamerican Committee against Terrorism (OAS/CICTE), The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the world Customs Organisation (WCO) and the 1540 Group of Experts. *Other:* Stimson Center, Verification Technology and Information Centre (VERTIC).

### **Background**

Resolution 1540 (2004) 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 *and to this end ... shall develop and maintain appropriate and effective export and border controls. Resolution 2325 (2016) recalls the decision that all States shall take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic controls including by establishing appropriate control over related materials, and also calls upon States that have not done so to start developing effective national control lists at the earliest opportunity for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).*

Resolution 2325 (2016) encourages relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations to enhance cooperation and information-sharing with the 1540 Committee, on the issues related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

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On 19 February 2018 the 1540 Committee received an invitation for the 1540 Chair, Committee Member and a 1540 Committee Expert to deliver a key note speech at the opening session and to participate and speak in the seminar. A Member of the 1540 Group of Experts participated in the Conference.

### **Highlights**

From 7 to 8 March 2018 the United Nations Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) held a two-day regional seminar for the Latin American and Caribbean region on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) to provide an opportunity for participating Member States to especially learn about strengthening national export and border control related laws, regulations and measures. Representatives from 22 States in the region and 19 technical experts from different international, and subregional organisations as well as from civil society attended the conference. The seminar combined presentations at the international, regional, and national levels, with speeches delivered by participating States.

The conference provided a good opportunity to highlight relevant 1540 obligations, especially those related to export and border controls, and the assistance mechanism of the 1540 Committee. The conference provided a good opportunity to learn about challenges some States are facing when implementing export and border controls.

### **Additional Comments**

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