

Information Note¹

- Event:** Workshop on control and security measures of related materials in the context of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)
- Organizer:** United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
- Date and Venue:** 18-19 November 2019, Lima, Peru
- Participants:** National representatives; international, regional and national organisations

Background

- Resolution 2325 (2016) in its Operative Paragraph (OP) 12 addresses all aspects of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of resolution 1540 (2004), particularly noting the need for more attention on: enforcement measures; measures relating to biological, chemical and nuclear weapons; proliferation finance measures; accounting for and securing related materials; and national export and transshipment controls;
- Resolution 2325 (2016) expresses in its OP 14 that States shall take and enforce 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 control over related materials; and
- Resolution 2325 (2016), in its OP 23 encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to enhance cooperation and information-sharing with the 1540 Committee, on the issues related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- On 24 October 2019, the Under-Secretary-General High Representative for Disarmament Affairs sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting a member of the Group of Experts of the 1540 Committee to participate in the Workshop on control and security measures of related materials in the context of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).

Highlights

The Workshop was opened by the Minister Counsellor Rosario Botton Girón who expressed that even though the international non proliferation control has evolved, threats posed by some States and non State actors still can affect the international peace and security. She also pointed out that Peru seeks for the global disarmament and the non proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

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(WMDs) and for that reason, it has taken different measures in order to comply with 1540 resolution implementation. Also, she added that they are analysing the status of their national action plan and thanked UNLIREC for the assistance received.

Day 1 of the workshop included presentations on international non-proliferation regimes, resolution 1540 (2004) obligations and a description of the Peruvian BWC implementation bill. Also, other presentations included laboratory biosafety and biosecurity basis as well as a table top exercise on a biological incident.

The second day was devoted to assistance and response presentations ended by a session conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where different agencies expressed their ideas in order to reinforce resolution 1540 (2004) implementation as well as their CBRN response capacities.

Additional Comments

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