

Information Note¹

- Event:** The meeting to review implementation of the 2014 National Action Plan (NAP) of Uzbekistan to implement resolution 1540 (2004).
- Organisers:** United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNODA/UNRCPD) and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).
- Date and venue:** 22-24 May 2017, Vienna, Austria
- Participants:** *Uzbek Governmental officials:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Health, National Security Service and the State Inspection on Oversight of Safe Conduct of Work In Industry, Mining and Domestic Sectors.
UN entities, international/regional organizations: UNODA/UNRCPD, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) and 1540 Committee Expert.

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), including through visits to States at their invitation. Also, the resolution encourages all States to prepare on a voluntary basis National Implementation Action plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts have interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malawi , Niger, Senegal, Tajikistan and Togo.

The meeting was a follow up to the national resolution 1540 roundtable held in Tashkent in December 2016 and was aimed at reviewing the status of tasks outlined in the NAP and discuss its further development.

On 20-21 December 2016 the UNRCPD together with the OSCE and the Government of Uzbekistan organized a national roundtable meeting to review the NAP on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). During the two-day roundtable, the participants reviewed the progress towards the NAP, as well as discussed plans for future activities based on a new project proposal of the OSCE Office in Tashkent prepared with support of the UNRCPD 1540 Co-ordinator. The meeting resulted in the proposal to update the NAP for the next implementation period of 2017-2021.

Overview

The two-day meeting brought together representatives of the several ministries and agencies of Uzbekistan responsible for various aspects of implementation of resolution 1540 together with the 1540 Committee Group of Experts, OSCE, and UNRCPD experts. UNRCPD and

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OSCE co-organized this event in the framework of the joint UNODA-OSCE project on “Facilitating the Regional Implementation of UNSC resolution 1540 (2004)”.

The 1540 Committee Expert made a presentation on general aspects of resolution 1540 (2004), its status of implementation in the OSCE and Central Asia regions. The 1540 Expert also described the role of the 1540 Committee in facilitating match-making of requests and offers of assistance.

Additional Comments

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