

Information Note¹

- Event:** The workshop for Validation of the National Action Plan and Update Report on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) in Nigeria
- Organizer:** Federal Republic of Nigeria with the support of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 7-8 April 2025, Abuja, Nigeria
- Participants²:** 50 participants from relevant national Ministries, Departments and Agencies; representatives from the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the European Union Partner-to-Partner Export Control Programme for Dual-Use Goods (EU P2P), the Group of Experts of 1540 Committee and the UNODA.
- Representatives from the Republic of Korea's Mission to Nigeria and European Union's delegation to Nigeria and to The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Background

By means of a Note Verbale dated 21 March 2025 (see S/AC.44/2025/NOTE.14/Add.1), the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations invited the 1540 Committee to a workshop for Validation of the National Action Plan and Update Report on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) in Nigeria. Additionally, the Committee was invited to make opening and closing remarks and to nominate members of its Group of Experts to deliver refresher presentations on the objectives and obligations of resolution 1540 (2004), and to offer technical expertise during the discussions.

By correspondence of 27 March 2025 (S/AC.44/2025/OC.7), the President of the Security Council, acting in the absence of a Chair of 1540 Committee, informed the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations that the Committee designated one member of the Group of Experts to participate in the event.

This workshop was a follow-up event of a national consultative meeting on strengthening the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) held in October 2023 in Abuja, Nigeria. In the consultative meeting, national stakeholders gathered to deepen knowledge of the requirements of UNSCR 1540 and reviewed the status of its implementation. They agreed that

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² Participants list attached for reference.

Nigeria should submit an update national report as well as a voluntary national implementation action plan (NAP) to the 1540 Committee.

In continuation of the process, this workshop was held with the objective to validate and finalize the draft 1540 NAP, the update Nigeria national report, and to generate consensus and commitment of the relevant actors regarding implementation.

This workshop was of direct relevance to resolution 1540 (2004) and its follow-up resolutions as follows:

- OP 8(a) of resolution 1540 (2004): To promote universal adoption and full implementation, and, where necessary, strengthening multilateral treaties to which they are parties, whose aim is to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, biological or chemical weapons;
- OP 8(b) of resolution 1540 (2004): To adopt national rules and regulations, where it has not yet been done, to ensure compliance with their commitments under the key multilateral non-proliferation treaties;
- OP 8(c) of resolution 1540 (2004): To renew and fulfil their commitment to multilateral cooperation, in particular within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, as important means of pursuing and achieving their common objectives in the area of non-proliferation and of promoting international cooperation for peaceful purposes;
- OP1 of resolution 2663 (2022): Reiterates its decisions in and the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004), and re-emphasizes the importance for all States to implement fully that resolution;
- OP8 of resolution 2663 (2022): Again encourages States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation actions plans, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee and its expertise as appropriate, mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and submitting these plans to the 1540 Committee;
- OP9 of resolution 2663 (2022): Encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of relevant expertise, to continue to actively engage in dialogue with Member States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation;
- OP25 of resolution 2663 (2022): Requests the 1540 Committee to continue to organize and participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at the international, regional, subregional, and, as appropriate national level...

Highlights

During the workshop, Ambassador Patrick Gbemudu, Director of Policy and Strategy at the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA), and Mr. Tak Namgung, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Federal Republic of Nigeria made remarks at the opening session. Mr. Zissimos K. Vergos, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and to ECOWAS made remarks at the closing session. The 1540 Expert, on

behalf of the Committee, and the regional coordinator for Africa of UNODA also made opening and closing statements³.

The 1540 Expert made three refresher presentations focusing on the objectives and obligations of resolution 1540, national reports and 1540 Matrix, as well as the voluntary national implementation action plan. All participants reviewed the drafts of update national report and the national implementation action plan provided by ONSA (which houses the national point of contact on resolution 1540). They examined the reliability of the content in the update national report as whether it accurately reflected the activities that Nigeria has taken to implement the resolution and the progress made in recent years. They also conducted in-depth exchanges and discussions to refine the draft action plan in accordance with the requirements under resolution 1540, establishing national implementation priorities and timelines, identifying the roles and responsibilities of relevant national stakeholders, and recognizing needed resources and international assistance.

The attending international organizations were also engaged in harmonizing the implementation of resolution 1540 with relevant national plans and frameworks concerning chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) safety and security.

Additional comments

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³ Statements attached for reference.