

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

- Event:** Training Course for 1540 Points of Contact in Africa
- Organizer:** Co-hosted by the Republic of Mozambique and the 1540 Committee with the support of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).
- Date and Venue:** 5-7 November 2024, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Participants:** Representatives from 42 regional Member States and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW - by video), the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC - by video), the European Union Partner-to-Partner Export Control Programme for Dual-Use Goods (EU P2P) and the African Union Commission.
- Representatives from the United States of America's Mission to the African Union and Germany's Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA).
- The Chair of 1540 Committee and members of the Group of Experts, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and UN Department of Political & Peacebuilding Affairs (UNDPPA)

### **Background**

On 4 September 2024, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations sent a Note Verbale to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting him personally and at least three facilitators from the Committee's Group of Experts to participate in a Training Course for the 1540 Points of Contact (PoCs) in Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 5 to 7 November 2024.

The Note Verbale informed that the Training Course for UNSCR 1540 Points of Contact in Africa represents the third in the Africa region, following those successfully co-hosted by the African Union Commission and the 1540 Committee on 14-16 August 2018 and on 26-28 March 2019, also in Addis Ababa.

By correspondence of 20 September 2024 (S/AC.44/2024/OC.85), the Chair informed the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations that the Committee agreed to co-host the event and that he accepted the invitation to participate in his capacity as the Chair of the 1540 Committee. By correspondence of 25 October 2024 (S/AC.44/2024/OC.92), the

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Chair informed the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Nations that the 1540 Committee designated four members of the Group of Experts to participate in the event.

This event was of direct relevance to the 1540 Committee regarding the following operative paragraphs (OP) of resolution 1540 (2004)'s follow-up resolutions:

- Resolution 1810 (2008), in its OP5, [...] calls upon States and such organizations, if they have not done so previously, to provide the 1540 Committee with a Point of Contact for assistance by 25 June 2008.
- Resolution 1977 (2011), in OP14, urges States [...] to inform the Committee as appropriate of areas in which they are able to provide assistance; and calls upon States [...], if they have not done so previously, to provide the 1540 Committee with a point of contact for assistance by 31 August 2011.
- Resolution 2325 (2016), in its OP6, encourages all States that have not yet done so to provide the 1540 Committee with a Point of Contact for resolution 1540 (2004), and urges the Committee to continue to undertake initiatives to strengthen the capacity of such Points of Contact to assist on the implementation of the resolution, upon request of States, including through the continuation on a regional basis of the Committee's Point of Contact Training Programme.
- Resolution 2663 (2022), in its OP23, continues to call upon relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to designate, provide and update, as appropriate, to the 1540 Committee with a Point of Contact or Coordinator for resolution 1540 (2004); and encourages them to enhance cooperation and information sharing with the 1540 Committee and Member States on technical assistance and all other issues of relevance for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

### **Highlights**

This training course was the third 1540 PoCs training course for the African region. H.E. Mr. José Javier De La Gasca, 1540 Committee Chair, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations, Mr. Adedeji Ebo, Director and Deputy to the High Representative, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), H.E.Ms. Ana Nemba Uaiene, Ambassador of the Republic of Mozambique to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa made remarks at the opening and closing sessions of the event.

The event enhanced the understanding of participants on the scope and obligations of resolution 1540 (2004) and the implementation tools of the 1540 Committee. The discussions during the event focused on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 in the region, including progress made, areas for improvement, specific challenges impeding implementation and means to overcome them. Participating States exchanged their national experiences and good practices on the implementation of the resolution, including on the role of PoCs. The attending international organizations were also engaged on identifying effective practices for synergistic implementation of resolution 1540 and the relevant multilateral instruments, including means to efficiently channel and coordinate international assistance.

The 1540 experts took part in all 12 sessions of the training course, made eight thematic presentations, as well as moderated and facilitated relevant exchanges and discussions. The presentations highlighted the full spectrum of the obligations under resolution 1540 and the implementation supporting tools, including the Committee's assistance mechanism.

Moreover, the experts facilitated multiple bilateral meetings between the 1540 Committee's Chair and representatives from participating Member States and international organizations, with the aim to encourage the submission of national reports or additional implementation information, voluntary national implementation action plans, updated information about point of contacts, and to get feedback relevant to implementation efforts including assistance request.

### **Additional comments**

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