

Information Note¹

Event: 22nd Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting (IEM)

Organizers: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Department of Nuclear Safety and Security

Date and Venue: 21-22 April 2022, Virtually via Cisco WebEx

Participants: Representatives from the IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, Euratom/EU, EUROPOL, INTERPOL, OSCE, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) and 1540 Committee

Background

Resolution 1540 (2004) requires all States to implement, inter alia, effective domestic controls to prevent proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, their means of delivery and related materials, as well as effective measures to account for, secure and physically protect such items.

OP 5 of resolution 1810 (2008) encourages States that have requests for assistance to convey them to the Committee, and also urges States and international, regional and subregional organizations to inform the Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance. OP 11 (c) of that resolution urges strengthening the Committee's role in facilitating technical assistance, including by matching offers and requests for assistance.

OP 10 of resolution 1977 (2011) urges the 1540 Committee to continue to engage actively with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations drawing inter alia on examples of successful assistance, and to liaise on the availability of programmes to facilitate implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). OP 14 of that resolution further urges relevant international, regional and

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subregional organizations to inform the Committee as appropriate of areas in which they can provide assistance.

OP 17 of resolution 1977 (2010) encourages participation by the Committee in meetings on assistance between the Committee and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations. OP 18 of that resolution encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to enhance cooperation and information sharing with the Committee on technical assistance. OP 19 of resolution 2325 (2016) urges relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to inform the 1540 Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance, and calls upon organizations to provide the Committee with information on their 1540 assistance programmes.

OP 20 of resolution 2325 (2016) urges the Committee to continue strengthening its role in facilitating technical assistance, in particular by engaging actively in matching offers and requests for assistance, inter alia through a regional approach. OP 23 of that resolution encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to enhance cooperation and information-sharing with the Committee on 1540 implementation issues.

By means of a letter dated 1 March 2022, the IAEA's Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, invited the Chair of the 1540 Committee to nominate a representative to attend the 22nd Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting to be held virtually via Cisco WebEx on 21 to 22 April 2022.

The letter noted that the purpose of the Meeting was to provide for a systematic and active exchange of information on planned events and activities, to identify areas of cooperation with a view to ensuring effective use of resources and to avoid duplication and overlap, and to further strengthen cooperation.

Highlights

The IEM was opened by Ms Elena Buglova, Director of the Division of Nuclear Security (NSNS) who mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to share information about latest events and planned activities to avoid duplication each other. She noted the importance of the Conference of the Parties to the A/CPPNM, technical meetings on Instrumentation and Control and Computer

Security for Small Modular Reactors and Microreactors and on Nuclear Forensics: From National Foundations to Global Impact, events under the Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship programme, and interpretation to Arabic, French and Spanish of IAEA's Nuclear Security Series documents in relation to capacity building. She also emphasised the significance of the upcoming activities as part of the IAEA Nuclear Security Review, including completion of construction of the Nuclear Security Training and Demonstration Center (Seibersdorf, Austria), the Gender Equality and Geographical Diversity webinars in the framework of Women in Nuclear Security Initiative (WINSI), the Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship programme, and interpretation to Russian and Chinese of IAEA's Nuclear Security Series documents in relation to capacity building through her presentation.

Participating organisations provided updates on their respective activities related to nuclear security since the last IEM in October 2021 and upcoming events.

The 1540 Expert presented a brief overview on the Committee's developments since the IEM in October 2021. An update was provided on the UNSCR 2622 of 25 February 2022, the 1540 Committee activities including the 90th Formal Committee Meeting on 3 February 2022, the briefings by the Chair to the UN Security Council on 2 December 2021 and 14 March 2022, respectively, as well additional written inputs received from international, regional and subregional organisations (IROs), informal meetings with representatives of IROs and relevant UN bodies, 1540 Point of Contact information, national reports to the Committee, IAEA facilitated assistance and outreach activities. With regard to upcoming events, the participants were briefed on the Open Consultations on Comprehensive Review of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) to be held in New York on 31 May, 1 and 2 June 2022; interaction with States requesting assistance - cooperation with IROs and States offering assistance, matching requests and offers; outreach events and an expected Security Council decision on further 1540 Committee activity to be taken by 30 November 2022.

Additional Comments

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