

Information Note¹

- Event:** Regional Export Control Workshop for Latin American Countries to support the effective implementation of Export Controls related to UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004)
- Organizer:** Federal Office of Economic Affairs and Export Control of the Federal Republic of Germany (BAFA), Germany
- Date and Venue:** 14-15 August 2024, Bogota, Colombia
- Participants:** Representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Germany, Romania, Spain, OAS/CICTE, UN 1540 Committee

Background

On 12 June 2024, BAFA invited the 1540 Committee Chair and a member of the Group of Experts to participate in the Regional Export Control Workshop for Latin American Countries to support the effective implementation of Export Controls related to UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004) to be held under the project “Enhancing Export Control Capacities of Countries for Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004)”.

This project aimed to support the effective implementation of export controls by offering tailor-made assistance to partner countries to strengthen their export control systems in line with their particular needs and circumstances. Project work was designed to strengthen export control capacities as well as to foster interagency and regional cooperation.

The letter of invitation requested for the 1540 Committee Chair to participate in the Workshop in person and delivering welcoming remarks. A 1540 Committee Expert was also invited to make two presentations at the event.

This Workshop was of relevance to resolution 1540 (2004) and subsequent resolutions as follows:

- Resolution 1540 (2004):
 - Paragraph 3d requires all States to establish, develop, review and maintain appropriate effective national export and trans-shipment controls over such items, including appropriate laws and regulations to control export, transit, trans-shipment and re-export and controls on providing funds and services related to such export and trans-shipment such as financing, and transporting that would contribute to proliferation, as well as establishing end-user controls; and establishing and enforcing appropriate criminal or civil penalties for violations of such export control laws and regulations.
- Resolution 2663 (2022):
 - Paragraph 12 reiterates that the 1540 Committee shall continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004) ... particularly noting the need for more attention, among others, on national export and transshipment controls;
 - Paragraph 25 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, including, as appropriate, inviting

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parliamentarians, as well as representatives of civil society, including industry and academia and promote the refinement of these outreach efforts to focus on specific thematic and regional issues related to implementation.

Highlights

The Workshop, which was attended by 41 participants from 11 Latin America and the Caribbean States, German Federal Office of Economic Affairs and Export Control of the Federal Republic of Germany (BAFA), representatives from Spain and Romania, and IROs, aimed to raise awareness of the effective implementation of export controls in accordance with resolution 1540 (2004) and to strengthen their national export controls systems according to their specific needs and circumstances.

The meeting was based on presentations and an interactive exchange of views that provided participants with an opportunity to discuss key elements of implementing export controls, within their national legislation, in line with obligations under resolution 1540 (2004).

Best practice examples around Export Control lists in Latin America were provided. This afforded a better understanding of export control systems already in place, and the contribution to national efforts to develop an effective system that meets both national needs and international obligations.

The Chair of the 1540 Committee made an opening statement as well as closing remarks at the Workshop.

Expert of the 1540 Committee delivered two presentations. The first presentation titled the “UNSCR 1540 (2004): Overview and Main Obligations, Focusing on Requirements Regarding Export Controls” was devoted to the resolution 1540 (2004), its key obligations, UNSC 1540 Committee and its toolbox as well as an outcome of the 2022 Comprehensive Review, and Resolution 2663 (2022). The second one - “UNSCR 1540 (2004): Assistance Mechanism” – overviewed on the UNSCR 1540 (2004) and subsequent resolutions assistance provisions, types of assistance, offers of assistance, assistance template, requests for assistance as well as submitting assistance requests.

Additional Comments

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