

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

**Event:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting (IEM)

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

**Date and Venue:** 20-21 October 2022, Vienna, Austria

**Participants:** Representatives from IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) 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 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 30 August 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 23rd Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting to be held in Vienna, Austria, from 20 to 21 October 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 of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (NSNS), who commented on the need for strengthened cooperation in, and the coordination of, international efforts in the field of nuclear security. According to her, the 66th General Conference's Nuclear Security Resolution once again recognized the importance of nuclear security and the central role of the Agency in this respect. The Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meetings continued to be an important mechanism to assist coordination amongst respective organizations and initiatives to this end. The important aspects of the IEMs were to share planned activities for coordination

and identify areas for potential cooperation. IEMs also created a forum to share experience in various thematic topics. Ms Buglova added that the agenda included thematic presentations on the International Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) mechanism and the IAEA's Assistance to the Nuclear Security of Major Public Events. She was glad to inform participants that for the first time this year Division of Nuclear Security presented the Nuclear Security Review, which was a new document, that supplements the Nuclear Security Report. The Review provided an overview of Agency activities and global trends in nuclear security in 2021 and also presented priorities for 2022 and beyond. Then she noted that the new Nuclear Security Training and Demonstration Centre (NSTDC) was planned to be operational at the end of 2023, and would further enhance the Agency's central role in building capacity and strengthening existing expertise. She concluded her opening remarks by referring to the continuing need to help States to improve the strengthening of their nuclear security regimes.

Participating organisations provided updates on their respective activities related to nuclear security since the last IEM in April 2022, and upcoming events.

The 1540 Expert provided an update of the Committee's work since the 22nd IEM in April 2022. He briefed the meeting on the 1540 Committee's informal consultations held on 5 April, 10 May and 5 July 2022, the Open Consultations on the Comprehensive Review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) covering the period of 2016-2021, held as its formal 91st meeting in New York at United Nations Headquarters on 31 May, 1 and 2 June 2022, informal meetings of the Committee's Working Group on Monitoring and National Implementation (WG1) held on 12 May and 14 July 2022. He referred to the Chair's opening remarks on behalf of the 1540 Committee to the Cooperation meeting on implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in Latin America and the Caribbean (8-9 June 2022) as well as informal meetings with representatives of IROs and relevant UN bodies, updates of 1540 Points of Contact information, national reports to the Committee, IAEA-facilitated assistance, and outreach activities. Regarding upcoming events, the participants were briefed on the expiration of the Committee's current mandate on 30 November 2022 and newly elected Committee's Member States.

### **Additional Comments**

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