

Information Note¹

- Event:** 27th Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting (IEM)
- Organizer:** IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security
- Date and Venue:** 7-8 Oct 2024, Vienna, Austria, virtually
- Participants:** Representatives from IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), expert of the 1540 Committee, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL), European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS), Organization of American States (OAS), the Arab Networks of Nuclear Regulators (ANNuR) and the ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM).

Background

In a letter dated 16 July 2024, addressed to the Chair of the 1540 Committee, the IAEA Deputy Director General - Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, Ms. Lydie Evrard, invited the Chair of the 1540 Committee to nominate a representative to attend the 27th Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting (IEM) to be held in Vienna, Austria, from 7 to 8 October 2024 (the event allowed for virtual participation). The purpose of the event 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, avoiding duplication and overlap, and to further strengthen cooperation.

This event was of relevance to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) as follows:

- 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 appropriate effective measures to account for, secure and physically protect such items.
- Paragraph 5 of resolution 1810 (2008) encourages States that have requests for assistance to convey them to the 1540 Committee, and also urges States and international, regional and subregional organizations (IROs) to inform the Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance.
- Paragraph 10 of resolution 1977 (2011) urges the 1540 Committee to continue to engage actively with relevant IROs drawing, *inter alia*, on examples of successful assistance, and to

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liaise on the availability of programs to facilitate implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). Additionally, Operative Paragraph 14 further urges IROs to inform the Committee as appropriate of areas in which they can provide assistance.

- Operative Paragraph 19 of resolution 2325 (2016) urges relevant IROs 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 assistance programs relevant to resolution 1540 (2004). Furthermore, Paragraph 23 encourages relevant IROs to enhance cooperation and information-sharing with the Committee on issues related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- Operative Paragraph 25 of resolution 2663 (2022) encourages relevant IROs 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

The 27th IEM was opened by Ms Elena Buglova, Director of the Division of Nuclear Security of the IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (NSNS). She informed the audience about the Nuclear Security resolution adopted on the 68th IAEA General Conference in September 2024 and briefed on several past nuclear security related activities, as well as on upcoming events that were expected to take place this year. She recalled that the purpose of the IEM was to share information on planned activities and expressed hope that the IEMs continue to serve as the platform for participating organizations to coordinate and work more closely together.

In the next sessions, the IAEA summarized the last IEM and shared the outcomes of the International Conference on Nuclear Security (ICONS) 2024 held in May 20-24 2024.

Representatives from EURATOM, Joint Research Center of the EU, EUROPOL, UNOCT, UNODA, UNODC, INTERPOL, VCDNP, WINS, OAS, ANNuR and ASEANTOM also gave updates on their organizations' activities and projects related to nuclear security.

The participating 1540 Expert provided an update of the Committee's work since the 26th IEM in April 2024. Therefore, she briefed the audience on the activities conducted by the Committee in accordance with the current Program of Work and the outreach activities that the Committee had attended and was planning to attend.

The participants also had active exchanges on areas of potential synergies and opportunities for cooperation, as well as the potential topics for next IEM.

Additional comments

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