

Information Note¹

- Event:** 20th Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting
- Organizers:** IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security
- Date and Venue:** 19-20 April 2021, Virtually via Cisco WebEx
- Participants:** Representatives from the IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC), EURATOM, EUROPOL, Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT), INTERPOL, Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), UN Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT), UN Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) and a 1540 Committee Expert

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, and also effective measures to account for and secure such items. OP 12 of resolution 2325 (2016) notes the need for more attention by the Committee on, inter alia, accounting for and securing related materials.

OP 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) invites States to offer assistance to other States in response to specific requests for assistance in implementing resolution 1540 (2004). 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

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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 23 of resolution 2325 (2016) 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 29 March 2021, the IAEA's Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, invited the Chair of the 1540 Committee to nominate a representative to attend the 20th Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting (IAEA) on 19 and 20 April 2021. 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 20th Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting (IEM) was opened by Ms Elena Buglova, Director of the Division of Nuclear Security (NSNS), who

emphasized the importance of IEMs to share information about planned activities and to assist coordination amongst relevant organizations and initiatives so as to avoid duplication and overlap. Among others, she expressed the hope that IEM participating organisations and initiatives will continue to virtually share useful information given the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms Bulgova also noted the importance of donors for specific activities and the need to continue to provide courses for diplomats and other practitioners. IAEA finally recalled the importance of preparatory activities for the review of the amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM/A).

Participating organisations and the 1540 Committee Expert updated information on nuclear security related activities since the last IEM in October 2019.

Additional Comments

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