

Information Note¹

- Event:** Workshop on Promoting National Awareness of UNSCR 1540 (2004) in the Republic of Indonesia
- Organizers:** Government of Indonesia with the support of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 11 – 12 July 2024, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia
- Participants:** *Government representatives from regional States:*
Representatives from Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei.
International representatives:
United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC); United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI); U.S. Export Control and Related Border Security (U.S. EXBS); International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) - virtual; Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (BWC ISU) - virtual; Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) - virtual; EU Partner-to-Partner Export Control Programme (EU P2P) – virtual; and an Expert of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

Background

By means of a letter dated 31 May 2024 (see S/AC.44/2024/Note.91), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations invited the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and the Group of Experts to participate in the “Workshop on Promoting National Awareness of UNSCR 1540 (2004) in the Republic of Indonesia”. The Workshop, which took place in Bali, Indonesia on 11 and 12 July 2024, was hosted by the Government of Indonesia, supported by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, and funded by the European Union.

Furthermore, the Chair of the 1540 Committee was invited to provide a pre-recorded message to steer the discussion in the Workshop, and to convey the invitation to the Committee’s Group of Experts to share their knowledge on the full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at the national, regional and global level.

Therefore, the assigned expert delivered a total of four presentations on the objectives and obligations of the resolution 1540 (2004), as well as successor related resolutions, on aspects concerning measures to account for, secure and physically protect nuclear, chemical and biological

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weapons related materials, on export and border controls, and on an overview of Indonesia's and regional's 1540 Matrix.

This Workshop was of direct relevance to the 1540 Committee regarding the following operative paragraphs (OPs) of resolution 2663 (2022):

- OP1: Reiterates its decisions in and the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004), and re-emphasizes the importance for all States to implement fully that resolution;
- OP 8: Encourages States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation action plan, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee and its expertise as appropriate, mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit these plans to the 1540 Committee;
- OP 9: Encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of relevant expertise, to continue to actively engage in dialogue with Member States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation;
- OP 10: Stresses the importance of a tailored dialogue and engagement of the 1540 Committee with Member States that recognizes specificity of States regarding implementation and reporting, as well as to improve the development of customized assistance for effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004); and
- OP 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...

The Workshop was also of direct relevance to the 1540 Committee regarding the following paragraphs of the Program of Work for the period from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025:

- Paragraph 16: The Committee will promote the facilitation of technical assistance to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004), including as appropriate through organizing, participating in or supporting assistance conferences, where appropriate in collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations; and
- Paragraph 24: The Committee will organize and participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at the international, regional, sub-regional, and as appropriate national level, including on specific thematic and regional issues....

Highlights

The workshop was attended by representatives from four Member States and international experts from 1540 GOE, UNODA, UNODC, UNICRI, EXBS, IAEA, OPCW, BWC-ISU, EU P2P and Delegation of EU.

The Workshop's opening remarks were delivered by H.E. Mr. Tri Tharyat, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia; Mr. José Javier

De La Gasca, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations (pre-recorded), 1540 Committee Chair; Mr. Stéphane Mechat, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, EU Delegation in the Republic of Indonesia; and Ms. Amanda Cowl, 1540 Regional Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).

As outlined in the received Concept Note, the workshop gathered representatives from relevant Ministries and Agencies at the national level and aimed to raise awareness and understanding of resolution 1540 (2004), such as during a presentation by the 1540 Committee's expert on resolution 1540 (2004) and successor resolutions.

To improve the understanding of the participants of resolution 1540, including its objectives, interrelation with the international and regional legally binding instruments on disarmament and the non-proliferation of WMDs and other related regimes and organizations, these topics were covered in a presentation about the measures to account for, secure and physically protect nuclear, chemical and biological weapons "related materials", while the level of implementation of resolution 1540 in Indonesia and in the region was specifically discussed during a presentation on the overview of the 1540 Matrix.

The workshop also provided international organizations and partner States offering resolution 1540-related assistance with a platform to outline areas of support. This was the case, for instance, during a session related to offers of assistance that counted with presentations by the 1540 Committee's expert; the EU Partner-to-Partner Export Control Programme (EU P2P); and the U.S. Export Control and Related Border Security (U.S. EXBS).

Additional Comments

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