

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

- Event:** Madagascar national workshop on NAP review and improvement
- Organizer:** Government of Madagascar in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), with financial support from the United States of America
- Date and Venue:** 22-23 November 2022 (workshop - hybrid) and 24-25 (visits of Pasteur Institute of Madagascar and Airport of Ivato)
- Participants:** Representatives from various Government Ministries and civil society of Madagascar;  
Representatives from the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (BWC ISU - virtual), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA - virtual), the World Customs Organisation (WCO - virtual), Pontica Group LLC (virtual) and Vertic (virtual); and  
Members of the Group of Experts

### **Background**

By means of a letter dated 26 October 2022 to the Chair of the 1540 Committee (see S/AC.44/2022/NOTE.110), the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations invited the Committee to participate in a national workshop on resolution 1540 (2004) in Antananarivo, Madagascar on 22 and 23 November 2022. In addition, the Committee was also invited to participate in site visits on 24 and 25 November 2022. This event aimed at reviewing and improving Madagascar's 2019-2022 voluntary National Action Plan (NAP) for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

This meeting was of direct relevance to the 1540 Committee with regard to the following operative paragraphs (OPs) of resolution 1540 (2004) and subsequent resolutions:

- Operative paragraph 1 of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) requires all States to refrain from providing any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery.
- Operative paragraph 2 of the resolution 1540 (2004) requires all States to adopt and enforce appropriate effective laws prohibiting such activities by non-State actors on their territories.
- Operative paragraph 3 of resolution 1540 (2004) requires all States to take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear,

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chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials.

- Operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) recognizes that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of the resolution.
- Operative paragraph 5 of resolution 1810 (2008) encourages States to convey assistance requests to the Committee.
- Resolution 2325 (2016) emphasizes the importance of providing States, in response to requests, with effective assistance that meets their needs.
- Operative paragraph 8 of resolution 1977 (2011), encourages all States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate, mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit those plans to the 1540 Committee.
- Operative paragraph 16 of resolution 2325 (2016), encourages the 1540 Committee to continue to engage actively in dialogue with States, including in the context of ongoing updating of the implementation data it holds, and through visits to States, at their invitation, by the Committee.

## **Highlights**

The workshop, which was attended by more than 50 national stakeholders representing various institutions, was opened by the Major-General Emma Randriamiaramanana, 1540 Point of Contact of Madagascar, who thanked the 1540 Committee for its support and called for continuous engagement in strengthening national implementation. Statements were also delivered by Mr. Issa Sanogo, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Madagascar and Vice-Admiral Antoine de Padou Ranaivoseheno, Secretary General of the Ministry of National Defence.

This Workshop was a follow-up to a visit by the Committee in 2019 which developed Madagascar's first voluntary NAP covering the period 2019-2022. It aimed to consider an updated NAP and to re-engage national stakeholders and international partners on further implementation activities for resolution 1540 (2004). A number of international partners indicated that they may be able to provide assistance in certain areas, in accordance with Madagascar's assistance request submitted to the Committee in 2019. This event illustrated the key role of the Committee in coordinating and matching requests with offers of assistance.

The workshop and subsequent site visits of the Pasteur Institute of Madagascar and the International Airport of Ivato provided concrete opportunities to raise awareness of the progress made, but also to identify some of the challenges towards the full and effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). It illustrated the relevance of the resolution for Madagascar and the role of relevant national stakeholders, as well as the need to further enhance coordination among national authorities and cooperation with international partners.

## **Additional Comments**

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