

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

- Event:** Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation for Diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean
- Organizers:** The Government of Mexico, in coordination with the James Martin Center for Non-Proliferation Studies and the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL)
- Date and Venue:** 15 July 2022, Virtual event
- Participants:** Diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean, experts in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation from the academic and governmental spheres and civil society

### **Background**

The Director General for the United Nations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, in a letter dated 21 June 2022, invited the Chair of the 1540 Committee to nominate a 1540 Committee Expert to participate in the eighth Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation for Diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held 11-15 July 2022.

The objectives of participation by the Expert were to make a presentation on the resolution 1540 (2004) and the Committee's mandate, including assistance, and the objectives of the comprehensive review, and to contribute, within the mandate of the Committee, to discussions during the Panel on “Nuclear Security and Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism”.

### **Highlights**

The Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation for Diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean was held virtually 11-15 July 2022, and the 1540 Expert made a presentation during the panel “Nuclear Security and Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism” on 15 July.

The first presentation was delivered by the Founder and Chair of NPS Global Foundation and Associated Fellow of the Chatham House, Ms Irma Arguello, who described the different nuclear security risks and possible scenarios for nuclear-related terrorist activity, and the international nuclear security control framework.

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The second presentation was given by the Executive Director of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Nonproliferation, Ms. Elena Sokova, who described the response of the IAEA and the international community more generally to nuclear security risks, including resolution 1540 (2004), and a number of international conventions and initiatives. States in the GRULC region faced a number of new challenges including threats from cyber-attacks, machine-learning, artificial intelligence and fake news.

The 1540 Expert described the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004), the work of the Committee, and the tools available to the Committee to promote full implementation of the resolution by all Member States, He outlined the status of implementation of resolution 1540 in the GRULAC region based on data contained in the updated Committee matrices, in particular OP3 a&b measures relating to nuclear security.

The final presentation was made by a Senior Research Associate of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Nonproliferation, Ms Ingrid Kirsten, who spoke about the nexus between peaceful uses and nuclear security.

### **Additional Comments**

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