

Information Note¹

- Event:** National workshop for academic experts on UN Resolution 1540 (2004) and strategic trade
- Organizers:** Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Date and Venue:** 13 and 15 July 2021, virtual event
- Participants:** Representatives from the Dominican Republic academic sector, General Directorate of Customs, Attorney General's Office of Dominican Republic, Civil Aviation Institute, National Health Service, Ministry of Energy and Mines, General Directorate of Migration, and 1540 Expert.

Background

On 22 June 2021, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting the 1540 Committee Group of Experts to participate in the virtual “National workshop for academic experts on UN Resolution 1540 (2004) and strategic trade”.

The objectives of the workshop were to raise awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) among relevant national stakeholders through an introduction of the obligations and key elements of the resolution, to make a presentation on how resolution 1540 (2004) addresses domestic and export controls over related materials, and to show the status of implementation of control measures in the region, based on the updated Committee matrix data, drawing attention to OP 3(c)-(d).

Highlights

Ms Alicia Fernandez from the Dominican Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ms Violanda Botet, on behalf of Ms. Alison Treppel, Executive Secretary of CICTE, delivered the introductory remarks.

After those statements, the representative from CICTE made a presentation on the challenges posed by disarmament and non-proliferation in the framework of international law. He

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described the international regulatory framework related to weapons of mass destruction including some UN Security Council resolutions.

The 1540 Expert followed describing the requirements under resolution 1540 (2004) for States to implement measures to prevent proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, means of delivery and related materials by non-State actors. The Expert also showed the level of implementation of resolution 1540 in the GRULAC region, and in the Dominican Republic. She also made a brief reference to the ongoing Comprehensive Review process

The third presentation of the day was delivered by the Dominican Republic representative, who described their legal framework to comply with resolution 1540 (2004) obligations and the scope of their Operative List to control strategic goods. She also referred to the bill on Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, which includes strategic trade controls.

The last presentation of the first day was given by a representative from the Interamerican Defence College. He described during his presentation two types of non-state actors: terrorists and criminal organizations. He also provided examples of the use of weapons of mass destruction by terrorists and characteristics and main global transnational crime flows of the organized crime.

During the second day of the workshop, the representative from CICTE guided a scenario-based exercise on export risk assessment.

Additional Comments

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