

Information Note¹

- Event:** National workshop on strategic trade, national control lists and risk analysis techniques in the framework of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in Panama
- Organizers:** Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Date and Venue:** 16 and 17 September 2021, on a Cisco Webex platform
- Participants:** Representatives from the Government of Panama Agencies, including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Financial Analysis Unit, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Ministry of Agricultural Development, National Customs Authority, National General Attorney, National Security Council, representative from Chile’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and 1540 Expert.

Background

On 19 August 2021, Ms Alison Treppel, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE), sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting the 1540 Committee Group of Experts to participate in a virtual national workshop on strategic trade, national control lists and risk analysis techniques in the framework of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in Panama.

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 Alison Treppel, and Ms Dayra Carrizo, Vice Minister of Panama’s Foreign Affairs, 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, their 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 Panama. She also made a brief reference to the ongoing Comprehensive Review process.

Next, the representative from Panama's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, referred to their National Action Plan, which was submitted to the Committee in 2017 and described the national legal framework related to the implementation of the resolution. In this regard, he expressed that Panama is reviewing their Penal Code and their Criminal Procedure Code to comply with resolution 1540 (2004) obligations.

The last presentation of the first day of the workshop was delivered by a representative from Chile's Ministry of Foreign Affairs who described their efforts to comply with the resolutions 1540 (2004) obligations in terms of strategic trade controls.

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

Additional Comments

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