

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) and Government of Panama
- Date and Venue:** 24, 25 and 26 May 2021, on a Zoom platform
- Participants:** Representatives from the Government of Panama Agencies, including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Presidency, Ministry of Public Works Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Panama Canal Authority, National Security Council, Customs National Authority, National Center for Crisis Coordination, representative from the General Directorate of the Dominican Republic Customs, from the Brazil's Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations, and from Chile's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stimson Center and 1540 Expert.

Background

On 20 April 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

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His Excellency Juan Carlos Sosa, Vice minister of Foreign Trade, and Ms. Alison Treppel, Executive Secretary of CICTE, delivered the introductory remarks.

After those statements, the 1540 Expert described 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 Panama. She also made a short reference to the ongoing Comprehensive Review process.

The representative from CICTE described the characteristics of an effective strategic export control, giving examples of modalities for its implementation. He also referred to the challenges in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) and the implications for the national strategic trade. In a second presentation, he referred to the different types of strategic goods control lists and mentioned the characteristics of an effective risk assessment.

Brazil and Chile described their efforts to comply with the resolutions 1540 (2004) obligations in terms of strategic trade controls as well as reaching out key stakeholders to aware them about those obligations.

Following that, the Dominican Republic representative described their legal framework to comply with resolution 1540 (2004) obligations and described the scope of their Operative List to control strategic goods.

Panama delivered a couple of presentations where they described the Executive Decree 81/2017, which regulates the export control of strategic goods. Also, they detailed the National Council and the Technical Committee of Trade and Secure Transport mandates. They also referred to the challenges they face to enhance the resolution implementation and the future steps Panama envisages to fully implement strategic trade controls.

Finally, a representative from a Stimson Center delivered a presentation on the importance of the implementation of internal compliance programs and guided a scenario-based exercise on licensing procedures.

Additional Comments

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