

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

- Event:** Peer-review meeting on implementation of the UNSCR 1540 (2004), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.
- Organizer:** Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic with the support of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- Date and Venue:** 8 -10 November 2022, Istanbul, Turkey
- Participants:** *Government representatives from participating States:*  
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- International representatives:*  
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD), Implementation Support Unit for the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC-ISU), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS), German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA), 1540 Committee Experts

### **Background**

By means of a letter dated 6 September 2022, Mr Alexey Rogov, Ambassador, the Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, invited the Chair of the 1540 Committee to nominate two members of the Group of Experts to participate in a peer review meeting on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) for Central Asia and Mongolia. The Experts were asked to deliver a presentation on the obligations under resolution 1540 (2004) and on the status of its implementation in participating States and to participate in discussions on strengthening the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and on voluntary national implementation actions plans within the scope of the 1540 Committee's mandate.

The meeting was a follow-up to the peer review meeting between Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, held from 28 to 30 June 2018 in Kyrgyzstan. The aim of the meeting was to review the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by participating States, particularly strengthening legislation in export control, biological and chemical security and development of recommendations on the effective implementation of the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) together with representatives of International Organizations. In addition, the meeting focused on the exchange of experiences in the development and implementation of voluntary national action plans on resolution 1540 (2004) and developing recommendations for regional co-operation in the implementation of the resolution, as well as identifying opportunities for international co-operation and assistance.

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This meeting was of direct relevance to the resolution 1540 (2004) and its subsequent resolutions as follows:

- Resolution 1977 (2011) “Encourages... the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)...” and “Requests the 1540 Committee to continue to organize and to participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at the international, regional, sub-regional, and, as appropriate, national level, and promote the refinement of these outreach efforts to focus on specific thematic and regional issues related to implementation”.
- The Resolution 2325 (2016) “Encourages 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 these plans to the Committee”.

### **Highlights**

The meeting was opened by Ruslan Tynaliev, Head of the Customs Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, Kyrgyzstan, who welcomed the participants (55 in total) and underlined the importance of the resolution 1540 (2004) on preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. Furthermore, he highlighted the peer-review mechanism as an effective way of sharing experiences on implementation of the resolution and as a helpful exchange on regional level. All similar past events, initiated by Kyrgyzstan, the bilateral meeting between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in 2014, peer-review between Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Belarus in 2016 and 2017 and the last peer-review meeting between Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in 2018 demonstrated the effectiveness of peer-reviews.

The peer-review meeting provided a platform for discussions between participating States on the status of implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004) at national level, on advantages of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans, on current challenges, on strengthening legislation in export control, biological and chemical security. In addition, discussions of the results achieved on the Recommendations of the Issyk-Kul peer-review meeting held in 2018 in a 5+1 format: Central Asia and the Republic of Belarus were held. Furthermore, the meeting explored areas of further co-operation and collaboration among States of the region while also potentially attracting assistance in the effective implementation of the resolution. The meeting also presented a valuable opportunity to enhance awareness of the obligations under resolution 1540 (2004), as well as the Committee’s assistance mechanism and other tools to support States in the implementation of their obligations. Finally, a discussion on a final document, as an outcome of the peer-review, started during the meeting. The document will be formally agreed between participating States and shared with the 1540 Committee.

### **Additional comments**

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