

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

Event: 18<sup>th</sup> Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting

Organizer: IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security

Date and Venue: 17-18 October 2019, Vienna, Austria

Participants: Representatives from the IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, European Commission Joint Research Centre, UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), UN Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT), Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) and the GICNT Implementation Assessment Group and Global Partnership

A representative of an NGO: World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS)

### Background

- Resolution 1540 (2004) requires all States to implement, *inter alia*, effective domestic controls to prevent proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, their means of delivery and related materials, and also effective measures to account for and secure such items. OP 12 of resolution 2325 (2016) notes the need for more attention by the Committee on, *inter alia*, accounting for and securing related materials;
- OP 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) invites States to offer assistance to other States in response to specific requests for assistance in implementing resolution 1540 (2004). OP 5 of resolution 1810 (2008) encourages States that have requests for assistance to convey them to the Committee, and also urges States and international, regional and subregional organizations to inform the Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance. OP

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11 (c) of that resolution urges strengthening the Committee's role in facilitating technical assistance, including by matching offers and requests for assistance;

- OP 10 of resolution 1977 (2011) urges the 1540 Committee to continue to engage actively with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations drawing *inter alia* on examples of successful assistance, and to liaise on the availability of programmes to facilitate implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). OP 14 of that resolution further urges relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to inform the Committee as appropriate of areas in which they can provide assistance;
- OP 17 of resolution 1977 (2010) encourages participation by the Committee in meetings on assistance between the Committee and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations. OP 18 of that resolution encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to enhance cooperation and information sharing with the Committee on technical assistance.
- OP 19 of resolution 2325 (2016) urges relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to inform the 1540 Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance, and calls upon organizations to provide the Committee with information on their 1540 assistance programmes; OP 20 of resolution 2325 (2016) urges the Committee to continue strengthening its role in facilitating technical assistance, in particular by engaging actively in matching offers and requests for assistance, *inter alia* through a regional approach. OP 23 of that resolution encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to enhance cooperation and information-sharing with the Committee on 1540 implementation issues.

## Highlights and Discussions

The Workshop was opened on by the Director of IAEA's Division of Nuclear Security, Mr Raja Adnan, who reminded participants that nuclear security was an increasingly important component of the IAEA's work. IEM meetings were intended to promote exchange of information between providers of assistance in fields relevant to nuclear security, to encourage exchanges of information and to identify areas for cooperation. The current meeting, the 18<sup>th</sup> in the series, would be focused on threat assessments, Integrated Nuclear Safety and Security Plans (INSSPs) and major public events (MPEs). IAEA was organising two major conferences relating to nuclear security in the next two years: The ministerial-level International Conference on Nuclear Security (ICONS 2020), co-chaired by Panama and Romania, would take place 10-14 February 2020, and the Conference of States Parties to the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM/A), which would take place in 2021.

IAEA officials briefed the IEM on current work regarding Integrated Nuclear Safety and Security Plans (INSSPs), on methodology for carrying out threat assessments related to nuclear

material under regulatory control within states, and support to implementation of safety measures during major public events.

Subsequent discussions included updates by participants of their support programmes to States in areas relating to nuclear security, including in areas relating to terrorism. Many of these assistance programmes are highly relevant to the Committee's work in support of full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by all UN member States.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of ways to measure impact and effectiveness of assistance provided by States and international organisations in these areas to ensure efficient allocation of effort and resources.

### **Additional Comments**

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