

Information Note¹

- Event:** Security & Strategic Trade Management Academy (SSTMA)
- Organizer:** Funded by the US Department of State's EXBS Program, training provided by Stimson Center, organisation of live trainings facilitated by CRDF Global
- Date and Venue:** 1 March and 15 April 2020, Virtual event

Background

- On 17 December 2020, Dr Seema Gahlaut, Senior Fellow, Trade, Technology & Security Program & Director, Strategic Trade Management Initiative at the Stimson Center, sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting a representative of the Committee to take part in the Stimson Center's Security & Strategic Trade Management Academy (SSTMA) on 18 February (2200 EST, 17 February) and 24 March 2021. Each session was postponed: the first to 1 March and the second to 15 April 2021.
- According to the organiser, the SSTMA is a 2-week comprehensive training program on CBRN and trade security, that is designed for senior and mid-level government officials from around the world. The course is designed for officials who are either already engaged in, or are likely to be engaged in, the implementation and enforcement of national systems for managing and monitoring domestic security over CBRN materials and the trade in dual-use technology. A representative of the 1540 Committee was asked to contribute a lecture on 1540 Implementation Update and Preparing for the Comprehensive Review.

Overview

1 March:

The speakers were asked to prepare a recorded presentation in advance of the session so that the attendees could be prepared with questions. The 1540 Expert had prepared a tailored presentation covering the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) including measures under OP3 (a) and (b) to account for and secure nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, their means of delivery, and related materials; physical protection; OP3 (a) and (b) statistics (from matrix data); main obligations for border and export controls under OP3 (c) and (d); and OP3 (c) and (d) statistics (from matrix data). The presentation also covered the work of the Committee in supporting full implementation of the resolution by all Member States, and the Committee's tools for this purpose, including national reports, voluntary national implementation action plans (NAPs), matrices and

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the Committee's assistance mechanism. The presentation also described the background to the 2021 Comprehensive Review and preparations so far.

There were four presentations given by national officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand on how they are implementing their strategic trade controls.

15 April:

The speakers were again asked to prepare a recorded presentation in advance of the session so that the attendees could be prepared with questions. The 1540 Expert gave the tailored presentation described in the 1 March session summary.

There were also three presentations given by national officials from Algeria, Georgia and Mexico on how they are implementing their strategic trade controls.

Additional Comments

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