

Information Note¹

Event:	Sub-Regional Workshop on the Preparation of Responses to the Three United Nations Security Council Committees dealing with Counter-Terrorism
Organizers:	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime/Terrorism Prevention Branch (UNODC/TPB)
Date and Venue:	28-30 June 2009; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Key Participants:	<i>States:</i> Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, UAE, Yemen. <i>International Organizations:</i> League of Arab States (LAS), International Organization for Migration (IOM), 1540 Committee expert.

1. Objectives

- Raise awareness of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Encourage States to submit additional information on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Dialogue with States to foster across-government communication that can facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Identify points of contact and areas of further cooperation with regional and international organisations to assist States with the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

2. Background

This workshop was part of the implementation of the UNODC/TPB mandate to facilitate States' implementation of the universal instruments related to the prevention and suppression of international terrorism, several of which have requirements which are complementary to implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), and to provide legislative assistance and training on related juridical and investigative processes.

The participation of the three expert groups at the workshop was part of the "common strategy" on dealing with non-reporting States approved by the three Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004). It is noted that there were no non-reporting States with regard to resolution 1540 (2004) in the region, but the 1267 and 1373 Committees had a different reporting process for which they still sought responses from States in this region.

3. Highlights

The workshop provided an opportunity for the expert groups to explain the distinction between the mandates of the three Security Council Committees arising from resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004).

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Each expert group made presentations and carried out interactive dialogue with the participating States. In addition to participating in a panel dedicated to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the 1540 Committee expert encouraged States to provide information to the 1540 Committee, such as additional reports and future implementation plans. These would help the 1540 Committee understand ongoing developments in the region and thus contribute to the Committee's monitoring role under resolution 1540.

The workshop resulted in an outcome document that urged the participating States to:

- continue the submission and update of their responses to the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004);
- complete, as soon as possible, the ratification procedures of the universal instruments relating to terrorism;
- enact when appropriate, the necessary domestic legislation for the full incorporation of the provisions of the universal instruments relating to terrorism, and the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions.

4. Bilateral consultations

The 1540 Committee expert conducted dialogues with individual States, including providing the country with its 1540 matrix and discussing its content, regarding their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

5. Additional comments

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