

Information Note¹

Event: Workshop on development of a National Action Plan of the Kyrgyz Republic on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)

Organizers: The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in cooperation with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

Date and Venue: 7-8 December 2011, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Participants: The Kyrgyz interagency delegation, the OSCE centre in Bishkek, the OSCE Secretariat, UNODA, 1540 Committee expert, and the Verification, Research, Training Information Centre (VERTIC)

1. Objectives of the Workshop:

- a. Assist the Kyrgyz Government in designing and drafting of its Action Plan on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- b. Exchange views on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Kyrgyzstan for better understanding of the existing challenges and problems in this area, including gaps in implementation;
- c. Identify effective practices and lessons learned on implementation taking into account some national action plans submitted to the 1540 Committee;
- d. Provide necessary information and expertise to enhance Kyrgyz officials and experts understanding of the tasks and purposes of national action plans; and,
- e. Identify specific lessons learned for conducting future country visits.

2. Background:

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (The Ministry of Economic Regulations) invited the 1540 Committee to conduct consultations on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and elaboration of the Kyrgyz national action plan with participation of relevant experts from Kyrgyzstan, UNODA, OSCE and other international experts on export control and non-proliferation of WMD;

Previous activities of the Committee experts in Central Asia, including the regional workshop on implementation of the resolution in Astana (27-29 September 2011), have contributed to establishment of good working contacts of experts with the Kyrgyz officials who expressed their interest in enhancing the implementation of resolution 1540 by drafting national action plan with the assistance of the 1540 Committee and the OSCE.

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3. Highlights

Opening statements were delivered by the Vice Minister of Economic Regulations of Kyrgyzstan, the representatives of the OSCE centre in Bishkek and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan. The Kyrgyz side was represented by the following ministries and agencies beyond mentioned above: Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Customs, Border Troops, State Committee on Security, Anti-Terrorist Centre, Academy of Science, State Agency on Environmental Protection, Governmental Apparatus and business community.

The task of this meeting, which can be regarded as a first step in preparation of the plan, was to consider and further develop the draft prepared by the Kyrgyz side. The second step would be comprehensive analysis of the draft in Kyrgyz ministries and agencies with a follow up discussion with the representatives of the OSCE, the 1540 Committee and other international experts aimed at finalising the plan and preparing it for the adoption by the Government of Kyrgyzstan.

4. Draft national action plan

During the consultations the Kyrgyz side tabled its draft plan on implementation of the resolution. The draft plan contains legislative and enforcement provisions related to the short time period of 2012-2013. As for the legislative side: adoption of a bill on amendments to the Criminal and Administrative Codes of Kyrgyzstan; strengthening responsibilities for violation of existing laws prohibiting proliferation of WMD and terrorist activities; adoption of legislative acts on realization of CWC and BWC regarding competencies of ministries and agencies involved in this process; and adoption of acts needed for national implementation of Additional Protocol of the IAEA. Among practical enforcement measures to be taken: adoption of national export control list (first quarter 2012); development and adoption of internal compliance programmes for companies dealing with export controls; equipping border and customs control points with detection monitors; and establishment of an identification centre for dual-use materials to enhance customs control capabilities.

The experts from the 1540 Committee and the OSCE in their comments stressed the need to focus the future plan on the most important and realistic tasks that stand before Kyrgyzstan on its way to meet fully the requirements of the resolution.

Before the next meeting with the 1540 Committee and OSCE experts (to be held presumably in Vienna in February 2012) for further elaboration of the plan, the Kyrgyz side expressed its intent to work out some points for implementation of the resolution including the possible requirements for assistance.

5. Additional comments

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