

Information Note¹

Event:	Technical Meeting on Effective Border Control Coordination for Latin American Countries
Organizer:	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in cooperation with the Police Community of the Americas (AMERIPOL) and the Colombian Nuclear Security Support Centre.
Venue and Date:	12-14 June 2013, Bogota, Colombia
Participants:	<i>Representatives of:</i> Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama, St. Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay, as well as invited experts from Mexico and Spain. <i>International Organizations:</i> IAEA, AMERIPOL, 1540 Committee Group of Experts

1. Objectives of participation

To make a presentation highlighting the significance and importance of border controls in the overall implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

Inform participants about the clearinghouse function of the 1540 Committee and its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations.

2. Background

This was the second meeting of its kind organized by the IAEA. The first was for States of the Asia Pacific Region and the Middle East and took place in Manila, Philippines, from 20 to 22 February 2013.

The second meeting brought together individuals responsible for the border control programmes in Latin American and Caribbean States, who shared information on current implementation status of border control programmes in the field of nuclear security.

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3. Highlights of presentations and discussions

The meeting had five plenary meetings and three breakout sessions. The plenary meetings addressed the following topics:

1. Detection and response challenges at points of entry and exit: lessons learned and best practices;
2. Compliance with the international legal framework for nuclear security and what it implies for effective border control in each State;
3. The role of international and regional organizations in promoting best practices, consistency and coherence in implementing effective nuclear security border control;
4. Establishing detection and response systems and measures, in particular at points of entry and exit, in relation to existing guidance and experience sharing;
5. Building national/regional capability for effective and sustainable detection and response measures including existing mechanisms and the way forward.

During the breakout sessions, participants shared experiences, *inter alia*, on topics related to capacity-building and detection, best practices, legal framework, detection and response systems.

Presentations by the representatives of the IAEA, AMERIPOL and the 1540 Committee expert, as well as by national authorities and invited international participants were followed by interactive discussions.

At the end of the meeting, participants identified a series of areas of common interest for States in the Latin America and Caribbean region.