

Information Note¹

- Event:** European Security and Defence College Course on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery
- Organizers:** Federal College for Security Studies (BAKS), Germany, Institute for Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN), France, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), United Kingdom
- Date and Venue:** 1 February 2012, Brussels, Belgium
- Participants:** *Trainees from:* Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, European Union (EEAS, SATCEN, EDA), Finland, France, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, United Kingdom

1. **Objectives for a 1540 Committee expert participation**

- By delivering a lecture, raise awareness of resolution 1540, using the conclusions of the 2011 report of the 1540 Committee to the Security Council and highlighting the new perspectives offered by resolution 1977;
- Expand the network of working contacts in the community of European Union civil servants involved in nonproliferation issues.

2. **Background**

- The Federal College for Security Studies (BAKS), Germany, the Institute for Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN), France, and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), United Kingdom, co-organize a course on “non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems” (30 January – 3 February 2012) under the umbrella of the European Security and Defence College (<http://esdc.mil-edu.be/>).
- The *New Lines for Action by the European Union in combating the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems* adopted by the EU Council in December 2008 called for “*the creation of a European in-service training course for officials of EU Member States and the EU to combat the proliferation of WMD and their delivery systems taking into account priorities set by the Council*”.
- The ESDC Course aims to inform civil servants from EU Member states and EU institutions about the strategic issues, relevant actors and regimes as well as European and international initiatives and actions to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;
- The organizers invited a 1540 Committee expert to deliver a presentation on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 and first-hand information on the way forward.

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3. **Highlights**

A 1540 Committee expert delivered a presentation, giving an overview of 1540 requirements, and sharing information on the functioning of the 1540 Committee, on key achievements and on the way forward in light of resolution 1977 (2011).

Discussions within and in the margins of the Course were helpful to establish contact with civil servants from some EU Member States involved in 1540-related matters.

4. **Additional comments**

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