

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Workshop on “Making the difference – Strengthening capacities to respond to crises and security threats”, Roundtable on “Strengthening CBRN safety and culture: towards a regional approach”</b>
<b>Organizer:</b>	European Commission
<b>Date and Venue:</b>	3-4 June 2009; Brussels, Belgium
<b>Participants:</b>	Several hundreds of participants, including from the EU institutions, EU Member States and non-EU Member States, a 1540 Committee expert

### 1. Objectives

- share experiences and lessons learned on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- emphasize the advantage and positive outcomes of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

### 2. Background

Every two years, the European Commission organizes a workshop that assembles policy makers and practitioners in the areas of conflict prevention, crisis response, and security threats. Consistent with the “European Security Strategy” adopted in 2008 that promotes comprehensive responses to emerging threats and crisis, this 2009 workshop identified existing and potential mechanisms that can respond to emerging security challenges.

### 3. Highlights

In the round-table dedicated to “strengthening CBRN safety and security culture”, to which a 1540 Committee expert participated as a panelist, discussions focused on resolution 1540 (2004) as a tool that fosters international cooperation and that can be combined with broader economic and development goals. Several speakers advocated nonproliferation efforts that would be part of an integrated strategy aiming at security objectives as well as economic and development goals. In that regard, the cooperative dimension of UNSCR 1540 was underlined. A representative from the European Union stressed the importance of resolution 1540 (2004) and highlighted support provided by the EU to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) through various instruments and initiatives.

The workshop concluded with a “Summary of Recommendations” that can be accessed here: [http://eeas.europa.eu/ifs/events/recommendations\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/ifs/events/recommendations_en.pdf). The document highlights the need for stronger cooperation with the 1540 Committee.

### 4. Additional comments

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