

Summary Report to the UNSCR 1540 Committee

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- Event:** Pilot project on Physical Protection and Accounting of CBRN Materials
- Organized by:** Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organization of American States (OAS/SMS/CICTE) and Office of Disarmament Affairs
- Date and Venue:** 21 November 2011
- Participants:** *Colombian representatives* from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense, National Police and the Risk Management Division, Ministry of Health, Social Protection Department. and from the Ministry of Mines and Energy
International organizations: Organization of American States, Office of Disarmaments' Affairs and UN 1540 Committee Experts

Objectives for 1540 Participation

Follow-up on technical issues of cooperation and assistance with the OAS/CICTE from the Ninth Meeting of National Points of Contact of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE)

To take part in a Pilot Project technical meeting to assist Colombia in developing an implementing work plan to meet obligations required under UNSCR 1540 (2004)

To facilitate the work of Colombia in considering national needs, assistance opportunities, and developing or implementing voluntary action plans.

To identify measures and practices of interest that Colombia has adopted or might consider adopting, in their national process of implementation 1540 resolution.

In the context of this Pilot Project methodology whereby assistance for implementing resolution 1540 might also contribute to bridging development and security priorities, explore relevant projects that could be complementary or contribute to the implementation of resolution 1540;

To facilitate the work of CICTE-UNOAS project to work with individual governments in the region to review implementation needs and develop national

working plans with member States considering national needs, assistance opportunities, on a case by case basis.

Background

During the Ninth Meeting of National Points of Contact of the Inter-American Committee against terrorism (CICTE), held in Washington DC on March 2011, the OAS and UNODA decided to organize a collaborative working plan between some Latin America governments and CICTE on the preparedness of assistance for the implementation of the UNSCR 1540, with stress on the accounting and physical protection of nuclear, chemical, radiological and biological materials, consisting in capacity building and training in different areas.

The CICTE National Points of Contacts serve as the principal liaison among governments of the OAS member states for developing cooperation between them and CICTE, giving them the important responsibility for facilitating internal implementation of the resolution in accordance with OAS resolutions to cooperate and support UNSCR 1540 in the region.

Highlights

The Pilot Project was designed to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 through different programs that CICTE can provide on building capacity to implement security measures (such as required by resolution 1540) by building or otherwise complementing other national priorities, in particular related to development agendas proposed by Colombia

The Pilot Project brought together government officials from the different government entities. The Meeting took place in the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

During the opening the representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs pointed out the importance of the workshop and the country's interest in achieving an effective action plan that allowed Colombia to full implement 1540 resolution.

Following the opening the representative of OAS/CICTE made an extensive presentation of the work program drawn out for Colombia after an interchange of consults between CICTE and Colombia.

Continuing the meeting the government entities made their presentations taking into account their responsibilities and the areas on which they were involved in relation with 1540 resolution requirements.

Within the context of the methodology of the Project representatives of the government entities addressed different concerns with security issues, the process of implementation on physical protection and management of CBRN materials, as well as difficulties to

coordinate with other entities procedures to put in place regulations related to control related materials in the chain flow of production, security surveillance and export controls

Speakers noted the lack of training and legislation on different sections as well as the complexity to develop a comprehensive action plan on the different subjects required by 1540 resolution. It was also discussed the common understanding needs for assistance in different subjects, in special in the area of biological issues, as well as their lack of capacity to build up a national control system on dual use items .as it was required by 1540 resolution.

Informal discussions with the OAS /CICTE, UN Committee 1540 expert and ODA indicated that more work has to be done to develop an integrate working plan

During the afternoon the representative of the he OAS /CICTE presented the objectives of the Collaboration Program CICTE/Colombia draft in response to previous consultations. Subsequently the scoping expectations of the Government of Colombia were discussed as well as an evaluation of the activities proposed in the Collaboration Program.

After different discussions on the possibility of assistance for capacity building offered by OAS/ CICTE, on the basis of a two years action plan, representatives of the Colombia government indicated that they first will need to maintain internal discussions on the selection of priorities that they may want to cover in the first year and other actions they may consider to address for the second year.

Informal consultations took place among CICTE, the 1540 expert, representative of ODA, and the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to clarify some doubts on the best way to carry out communications with different government entities to achieve a more thorough understanding of the UNSCR1540 obligations.

Follow-up and Recommendations

Colombia to develop a list of priority areas to be send to OAS/CICTE, ODA and the 1540 Committee experts

CICTE will structure and systematize the list in a comprehensive training plan that reflects international organizations and experts that could participate in the cooperation, which will be sent to the Government of Colombia for its consideration and definition of future actions.