

Information Note¹

- Event:** Visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) to Italy
- Organizer:** Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), under the authority of the CTC, and the Government of Italy
- Date and Venue:** 20-22 May 2015, Rome, Italy
- Participants:** *Italian Governmental officials:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Finance, Financial Security Committee, Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Bank of Italy, National Antimafia Bureau, Italian Police Force, Italian Coast Guard, Arma Dei Carabinieri, Central Directorate of Immigration and Border Police, Customs and Excise Police (Guardia Di Finanza, GDF), Counter-Terrorism Rapid Response, Italian Civil Aviation Authority, Representatives of the INTERPOL NCB, and other relevant administrations and agencies
- UN entities, international/regional organizations:* Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (TPB/UNODC), World Customs Organisation (WCO), International Organization for Migration (IMO), INTERPOL, EUROPOL and 1540 Committee expert.

1. **Objectives of the Participation of the 1540 expert:**

- Deepening the dialogue with Italy national stakeholders regarding resolution 1540 (2004) and receiving updated information regarding the implementation of the resolution.
- Discussing Italy's current offer of assistance for implementing resolution 1540 and for any necessary updating.
- Discussing future steps by Italy, including the official submission of additional information and a voluntary national implementation action plan.

2. **Background**

- Resolution 1977 (2001) reiterated the need to continue to enhance ongoing cooperation among the 1540 Committee, the 1267 Committee and the 1373 Committee (the CTC) including through, as appropriate, enhanced information sharing, coordination on visits to States, within their respective mandates, technical assistance and other issues of relevance to all three committees.
- The 1540 experts participated previously in visits to States at the invitation of the CTC (i.e. to Myanmar in November 2011, to Guyana and Suriname in October 2013, to Mongolia in May 2014, to Malta in October 2014 and to Uzbekistan in April 2015).

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- On 17 April, CTED requested a 1540 expert to participate in the visit to Italy with a view to monitoring their implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) as well as 1540 (2004) and discussing possible technical assistance.
- Italy submitted three reports to the 1540 Committee; the latest was submitted in 2007.

3. **Highlights and Assessment**

The CTC visit to Italy had four themes: Counter-terrorism overview, Law Enforcement and Border Management, Financial Law and Practice, and Legal and Judicial matters. The 1540 Committee expert participated in all the sessions which were 1540 relevant.

The visit, including meetings with appropriate public officials during which subjects relevant to resolution 1540 (2004) such as the legislation and enforcement to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery, related customs controls and border security or proliferation financing was discussed. The event was a valuable chance for a 1540 Committee expert to engage directly with relevant national stakeholders in Italy to discuss the effective and comprehensive implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

4. **Additional comments**

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