

Information Note¹

- Event:** Regional Workshop for Judges, Prosecutors, and Police Officers in Northeast Asia on Effectively Countering Terrorism
- Organizers:** Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) with the support of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (UNDP) and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 21-23 October 2015, Bangkok, Thailand
- Participants:** *States' Participants:* senior judges, prosecutors, police officers and representatives from China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia and the Republic of Korea.
- Speakers/ Moderators/ Source Persons from Member States, International /regional organizations and other entities:* Australia, Nepal, United States of America, INTERPOL, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Security Council 1540 Committee expert and Global Center on Cooperative Security.

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

- Make a presentation to highlight the importance and significance of resolution 1540 (2004) in achieving the objective of effective and comprehensive implementation, and focus on provisions and measures against financing of proliferation as required by the resolution.
- Deepen the dialogue with the participants regarding resolution 1540 (2004) and raise the awareness among the enforcement agencies to better enforce national legislation to prevent the WMD proliferation to non-State actors, including terrorists.
- Liaise with delegates of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to discuss the prospects of submitting a first report.

2. **Background**

- Resolution 1977 (2001) reiterated the need to continue to enhance ongoing cooperation among the 1540 Committee and the Counter Terrorism Committee including through, as appropriate, enhanced information sharing, coordination on visits to States, within their respective mandates, technical assistance and other issues of relevance to the two committees.
- On 27 July 2015, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) invited the 1540 Committee to designate a 1540 expert to participate in the workshop to deliver a

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presentation on the obligations and activities of resolution 1540 (2004) and participate in the discussions in the field of counter-terrorism financing and proliferation financing.

- The workshop was intended to provide a confidence-building platform for judges, prosecutors, and police officers of North-East Asia to discuss their roles, exchange best practices, and examine common challenges they face in leading effective investigations, prosecutions, and adjudications. The topics to be addressed included Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT), proliferation financing, and relevant international legal frameworks that could help facilitate regional cooperation.

3. **Assessment**

The workshop was an awareness-raising and good learning experience for the participants on resolution 1540 (2004). It also offered an opportunity for participants to raise key issues that could be addressed during future discussions and enabled the organisers to enhance its understanding of capacity needs and strengths in the region. At the conclusion of the discussions, the participants noted that the workshop had been an important first step in facilitating communication among counter-terrorism practitioners of North-East Asia and a good platform for North-East Asian States to meet with and learn from one another to strengthen cooperation in a practical way. Favourable feedback was received from the participating States regarding the prospect of holding a follow-up event. Moreover, the content of the discussions clearly indicated the need for more confidence-building measures to help facilitate counter-terrorism and non-proliferation related cooperation in North-East Asia. It is recommended that the 1540 Committee Group of Experts continues their interaction with the participating States to assist and facilitate the full and effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in the region.

4. **Additional comments**

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