

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

- Event:** Visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) to Kyrgyz Republic
- Organizer:** Kyrgyz Republic, Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), under the authority of the CTC
- Date and Venue:** 24-26 February 2016, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- Participants:** *Kyrgyz Governmental officials:* the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Supreme Court, the Ministry of the Interior, the State Financial Intelligence Service, the Office of the Prosecutor-General, the State Committee for National Security, the State Committee on Matters of Defence, the General HQ of the Armed Forces, the State Border Guard Service, the State Customs Service, the State Committee on Religious Affairs
- UN entities, international/regional organizations:* the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al- Qaida and associated individuals and entities, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Eurasian Group on Combating Money-Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism (EAG) and the Anti-Terrorism Centre of the Commonwealth of Independent States (ATC-CIS).

### **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 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, Uzbekistan in April 2015 and Italy in May 2015)
- On 13 January 2016 CTED invited the 1540 Committee to nominate a 1540 expert to participate in the visit to the Kyrgyz Republic with a view to monitoring its implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), as well as

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discussing the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including recent progress in this field and related technical assistance needs.

### **Highlights**

The discussions on progress achieved by the Kyrgyz Republic in implementing the Committee's earlier visit recommendations focused in particular on the legal and criminal justice system, law enforcement, border management, anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT), international cooperation, and measures aimed at countering violent extremism.

The delegation discussed with government authorities their implementation of different aspects of provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), and 2178 (2014) relating to legal matters, international cooperation, terrorism financing, law enforcement, and border management. The development and streamlining of penal anti-terrorist legislation relevant to the scope of 1540 resolution were also discussed during the meeting. The discussion was focused on the status of incorporation into criminal code of Kyrgyzstan of the offences criminalized in the international instruments (like prohibition to manufacture, to acquire, to possess, to develop, to transport and to use WMD and their means of delivery) with a view to ensuring that all the elements of the offences are adequately reflected.

The delegation conducted an on-site visit to Manas International Airport and was briefed on procedures used to process goods and persons passing through the airport, including customs-control techniques. The Kyrgyz Republic is currently working towards the implementation of both an Advanced Passenger Information (API) system and the World Customs Organization SAFE Framework of Standards.

The 1540 Committee expert and the OCSE coordinator for projects related to the resolution 1540 had a separate meeting with the representatives of agencies involved in the preparation of the 1540 National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) adopted by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in March 2013.

### **Additional Comments**

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