

Information Note¹

Event: Cambodian National Round Table on the Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004)

Organizer: Hosted by the Royal Government of Cambodia in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

Date and Venue: 20-21 October 2014, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Participants: *Cambodian National participants:* Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Mine and Energy, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, Ministry of Economy and Finance, General Department of Customs and Excise, National Counter-terrorism Committee, Commander-in-Chief Headquarters, Council of Ministers, and National Authority for the Prohibition for CBRN Weapons(NACW)

Speakers: 1540 Committee Group of Experts

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

- Raise awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) among relevant national stakeholders.
- Discuss and analyze with the participants the 1540 matrix of Cambodia to analyze the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- Facilitate gap analysis and identification of assistance needs.
- Discuss future steps by Cambodia, including the submission of additional information to its first report and the option of a voluntary national implementation action plan.

2. **Background**

- Resolution 1977 (2011) encouraged the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004).
- On 22 August 2014, General Chey Son, Secretary General of General Secretariat of the National Authority for prohibition of CNBR Weapons of the Ministry of National defense, extended an invitation to H.E. Mr. Oh Joon, the Chair of the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts, to a national round table on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) from 20 to 21 October 2014 in Phnom Penh.
- This national round table on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) was organized with the support of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs. This round table took

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place after the regional workshop for ASEAN Member States on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) from 15-17 October 2014 in Phnom Penh.

3. **Assessment**

The workshop included 26 participants from all relevant ministries and agencies in the Government of Cambodia working in nuclear, chemical and biological areas and in the fields of export and border controls. The participants learned about the background of the resolution, basic obligations and follow-up resolutions, tools used to monitor the implementation as well as the continuing relevance of resolution 1540 (2004). The topics of the assistance matchmaking role of the Committee as well as a voluntary national implementation action plan were highlighted during the discussion which will likely trigger follow-up actions from Cambodia to move them in the direction of full and effective implementation of the resolution.

4. **Additional comments**

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