



1540 Committee

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Information Note¹

Event: Consultations by 1540 Committee Experts with the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE), the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (BWC-ISU) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) on cooperation in the provision of assistance to the Member States and the coordination of plans for collaboration in 2017

Date and venue: 11 - 14 October 2016, Paris, Lyon (France), Geneva (Switzerland)

Organisers: 1540 Group of Experts, OIE, INTERPOL, the BWC-ISU and the WHO

Background

In accordance with the Work Plan for the Comprehensive Review, the 1540 Committee should “Analyse the experience of the 1540 Committee’s collaboration with international and regional organisations since 2009 and based on the analysis, seek improved ways of enhancing the collaboration of the Committee with directly related international, regional and sub-regional organisations, and other UN bodies.”

With regard to accounting for, securing and control the export of materials related to nuclear, chemical and biological weapons close cooperation with the international organisations directly involved is necessary. The Group of Experts arranged bilateral meetings with the OIE, INTERPOL, the BWC-ISU and the WHO to discuss outcomes and prospects for cooperation between the 1540 Committee and these international organisations, taking into account their respective mandates, including in the light of context of the Comprehensive Review, as well as ways to intensify this cooperation in 2017.

Overview

The Group of Experts had detailed discussion with the international organisations concerned on their respective efforts in relation to implementation, assistance and outreach efforts to States as well as on progress in the resolution 1540 Comprehensive Review and the Biological Weapons Convention Review Conference. During these meetings the participants were able identify steps that could be taken to strengthen effective cooperation.

Additional comments

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