

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

<b>Event:</b>	National Round Table Meeting for Tajik officials dealing with all aspects of resolution 1540 (2004) implementation.
<b>Date and Location:</b>	23-24 October 2012, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
<b>Organizers or Sponsors:</b>	The Government of Tajikistan and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
<b>Participants:</b>	Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prosecution General, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Economy of Tajikistan The OSCE Adviser for resolution 1540 (2004), 1540 Committee expert

### 1 Objectives for participating in National Round Table Meeting

The main purpose for participation of a 1540 Committee expert in this event was to deliver a presentation on the implementation of resolution 1540 with a focus on its requirements and issues of assistance. The task was also to facilitate assistance to officials of Tajikistan in their work on implementation of the resolution. Other objectives are:

- to exchange views on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 in Tajikistan for better understanding the existing challenges and problems in this area, including gaps in implementation;
- to continue providing necessary information and expertise to enhance the work of local officials and experts on implementation of the resolution;
- to study the opportunity for possible development of a voluntary national action plan for implementation of resolution 1540.

### 2 Background

The OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre invited a 1540 Committee expert to participate in a national round table for mid ranking Tajik officials on implementation of resolution 1540. This meeting proved to be the second comprehensive exercise encompassing all relevant Tajik ministries and agencies in charge of resolution 1540 (2004) and the experts of the OSCE and the 1540 Committee. The first one took place in April 2012 in a wider international context as a training workshop. In this regard, both events provided an overview of the requirements of the resolution as well as explored some concrete elements of the implementation process to assist Tajikistan in its implementation of resolution 1540(2004). Such meetings are in line with

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UNSC resolution 1977 (2011) and the Tenth Program of Work of the 1540 Committee, which reinforce the recommendation of the final document of the Comprehensive Review of the Status of Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004).

### **3 Highlights**

The round table established itself as a new tool demonstrating the usefulness of combining lectures and presentations by 1540 experts with interactive discussions with local officials. The meeting provided an overview of the implementation of the resolution as well as its key aspects. Many Tajik participants referred to their previous experiences and practices some of which are typical not only for Tajikistan due to the fact that some states of the region share common challenges, particularly in having long stretched land borders and limited resources. The National Round Table Meeting also contributed to facilitation of a dialogue among the representatives of different ministries and agencies of Tajikistan.

### **4 Additional Information**

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