

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

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| <b>Event:</b>          | National round table meeting on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)  |
| <b>Organizers:</b>     | Conflict Prevention Center of the Organization for the Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia   |
| <b>Date and Venue:</b> | 12 June 2012, Skopje, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia   |
| <b>Participants:</b>   | <i>National officials:</i> Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other national stakeholders;<br><i>International organizations:</i> OSCE and a 1540 Committee expert;<br><i>Civil society, private sector and academia:</i> Verification, Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) and an independent consultant. |

### 1. **Objectives**

- Discuss the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Participate in an interactive discussion with FYROM's national officials with a view to identify measures to be taken to fully implement resolution 1540 (2004);
- Discuss the option of a voluntary national action plan identifying plans and priorities to implement key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004).

### 2. **Background**

The round table meeting in FYROM was one in a series of events organized by the OSCE with participation of the 1540 experts on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by OSCE participating States.

Prior to the round table meeting, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted to the 1540 Committee an initial report on 22 November 2004 and additional information on 16 January 2006 and on 2 July 2008.

Recent exchanges at the experts' level in particular with the OSCE Adviser for resolution 1540 let appear that FYROM was considering further steps, including the possibility of a voluntary national action plan on resolution 1540 (2004).

### 3. **Highlights**

Chaired by the Head of the Department of Multilateral Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the meeting gathered national stakeholders, an OSCE representative and a 1540 Committee expert, as well as VERTIC and an independent consultant.

The OSCE representative delivered a presentation on the role played by the OSCE to assist interested OSCE participating States in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), highlighting the option of

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voluntary national action plans mapping out plans and priorities to implement the resolution. The OSCE representative highlighted that the OSCE has assisted Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Serbia, in the development of voluntary national action plans.

The 1540 Committee expert delivered a presentation on the current status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in light of resolution 1977 (2011), and on the 1540 Committee Matrix for FYROM. The 1540 Committee expert highlighted the option of a voluntary national action plan mapping out priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), as well as the clearinghouse function of the Committee to facilitate assistance.

The national stakeholders shared information on developments in the nuclear, chemical and biological areas, mentioning new measures taken since the last submission of a report to the 1540 Committee in 2008, as well as implementation measures currently under consideration.

#### 4. **Additional comments**

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