

Information Note¹

Event: Participation in a meeting of the Global Partnership Working Group (GPWG)

Organizers: Japan on behalf of the G-7 Global Partnership

Date and venue: 13-15 January 2016, Tokyo, Japan

Participants: *Governments:* Representatives from: Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States.

Regional Organisations: Representatives from: European Union (EU)

International Organisations: Representatives from: 1540 Committee Group of Experts, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), United Nations Inter-Regional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and World Health Organization (WHO).

Non-Governmental Organisations: Representatives from: International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS) (Poland), Insubria Center on International Security (ICIS), and International Office for Innovation in Reducing Crime (IOIRC).

1. Background

- The 1540 Committee experts have been regular participants in GPWG meetings since 2010.
- GPWG meetings constitute a unique opportunity to learn about the wide range of 1540 related projects taking place worldwide.
- States that are major assistance providers and international organisations most relevant to 1540 implementation participate in these meetings.
- The last meeting of the GPWG held in Berlin from 30 September to 1 October 2015 was a good opportunity for the 1540 experts to present the requests received by the 1540 Committee to potential assistance providers and to share the plans of the 1540 Committee

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regarding assistance, in particular on the Conference for African States to be organized by the African Union (AU), in Addis Ababa in April 2016.

2. Highlights

During the plenary, Germany delivered a summary of the work carried out during its Presidency of the GPWG. Topics addressed during the past Presidency included the Ebola crisis in West Africa, programmes in Ukraine and an action plan for the next Nuclear Security Summit, among others. During the opening statements, delegations welcomed Jordan and Turkey to the GPWG. The 1540 experts referred to the Comprehensive Review process taking place this year. The meeting provided an opportunity for the 1540 experts to reiterate to potential assistance providers the requests received by the 1540 Committee and to share the objective of the 1540 Committee regarding assistance, in particular regarding the 2016 Review and Assistance Conference for African States being organized by the African Union on 6 and 7 April. During one session, an in-depth discussion was held on resolution 1540 (2004), especially focusing on the 2016 Comprehensive Review. The GP meetings constitute a unique opportunity to for the 1540 Committee to learn about a wide array of 1540 related projects being conducted by GP partners worldwide.

3. Additional comments

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