

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

- Event:** Participation in a meeting of the Global Partnership Working Group
- Organizers:** Japan on behalf of the G-7 Global Partnership (GP)
- Date and venue:** 8-9 September 2016, Tokyo, Japan
- Participants:**
- Governments:*** Representatives from: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, 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), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (BWC-ISU), International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), United Nations Inter-Regional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and World Health Organization (WHO), Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Non-Governmental Organisations:*** Representatives from: International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS) (Poland), International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC), Middle East Scientific Institute for Security (MESIS), Integrated Support Center for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Security (ISCN), Technical Secretariat on Cooperation for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons reduced in the Former Soviet Union (TECSEC)

### **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 Tokyo from 19-20 January 2016 was a good opportunity for the 1540 experts to raise awareness of the 1540 Review and Assistance Conference for African States to be organized by the African Union (AU), in Addis Ababa in April 2016.

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## **2. Highlights**

During the plenary, Japan presented a summary of the work carried out during its Presidency of the GPWG. Several delegations briefed the participants about ongoing activities in the nuclear, chemical and biological fields. The 1540 expert shared some data derived from the analysis carried out in the framework of the 2016 Comprehensive Review and informed participants about the results of the 1540 Review and Assistance Conference held in Addis Ababa in April 2016.

During the course of two days, five sub working groups met, namely on nuclear and radiological security, chemical security, biological security, Centres of Excellence and on expansion and outreach. A matchmaking session was also scheduled allowing for numerous bilateral discussions.

Italy will assume the Presidency of the GP next year; two meetings are scheduled to take place in Rome in 2017.

Georgia participated for the first time as member of the GP and Argentina as an observer.

## **3. Additional comments**

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