

Information Note¹

- Event:** Inter-agency 1540 roundtable with officials from Gabon on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)
- Organizers:** Government of Gabon, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)
- Date and Venue:** 24 March 2014, Libreville, Gabon
- Participants:** Government of Gabon: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Francophonie and Regional Integration; Ministry of the Interior, Public Security, Immigration and Decentralization; Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Health
- International Organizations: UNODA, UNREC, 1540 Committee experts

1. Objectives

Participate in the broad-based inter-agency 1540 roundtable with officials from Gabon.

Deepen dialogue with Gabon, including on the possibility of developing a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan.

2. Background

UNODA and UNREC organized a workshop for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) for French-speaking Member States in Libreville, Gabon, from 21-22 March 2014.

In this context, the Permanent Mission of Gabon to the United Nations took advantage of the presence of two 1540 experts in Gabon, to organize a round table on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) with representatives of different ministries of its Government.

3. Overview

After the welcoming remarks, the 1540 experts made a general presentation of resolution 1540 (2004), highlighting its obligations, followed by a presentation on the assistance role of the Committee. The experts also made presentations on the measures identified in the Gabon 1540 matrix, as well as on the development of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan.

During the discussions, the Gabonese participants briefed the participants on measures taken, or intended to be taken, in accordance with resolution 1540 (2004).

4. Outcome

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The meeting in Libreville was a good opportunity to raise awareness among the different stakeholders about resolution 1540 (2004) and to deepen dialogue with Gabon about the implementation of the resolution and the possibility of developing a National Implementation Action Plan.