

Information Note¹

Event:	National Roundtable on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in Grenada
Organizer:	UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
Date and venue:	10-12 June 2014, St George's, Grenada
Participants:	Government of Grenada, UNLIREC, CARICOM 1540 Coordinator, 1540 Committee expert

1. Objectives for the participation of 1540 Committee experts

The objectives for the participation in the national roundtable included informing the participants of the status of replies received in response to the assistance request from Grenada.

Furthermore, to discuss and analyse with the participants the 1540 matrix of Grenada and exchange views on how to address any gaps identified.

2. Background

Operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) recognises that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of the resolution. Operative paragraph 14 of resolution 1977 (2011), inter alia, urged relevant international organisations to inform the Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance. In operative paragraph 11(a) of resolution 1810 (2008), the pursuit of the ongoing dialogue between the 1540 Committee and States is encouraged.

The Committee undertook a visit to Grenada at the invitation of its Government in July 2013. Following the visit, an assistance request was submitted to the Committee by Grenada, including for drafting legislation.

The High Representative for Disarmament Affairs extended an invitation to the Committee, and the experts supporting the work of the Committee, to participate in a national round table in Grenada on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), which was held from 10-12 June 2014. The roundtable took place in the context of Phase One of UNLIREC's Assistance Package on strengthening the implementation of the resolution in the Caribbean States.

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3. **Highlights and discussions**

The programme of the Grenada roundtable included bilateral discussions on 10 June 2014 with national stakeholders. The agenda of the round table, held on 11 and 12 June 2014, focused on the presentation of the findings and recommendations of the UNLIREC study. It concluded with presentations by various national stakeholders on their 1540 related activities , and the identification of critical needs and challenges related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

The acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Business of Grenada expressed her appreciation for the support of UNLIREC and the 1540 Committee in facilitating the implementation resolution 1540 (2004) and reiterated Grenada's commitment to fully implement the resolution.

During the roundtable, the 1540 Committee expert gave a presentation on the obligations contained in resolution 1540 (2004) and gave an overview of the 1540 assistance request made by the Government of Grenada and the responses received to date. An analysis was also done on the 1540 matrix of Grenada.

UNLIREC gave a detailed briefing on the outcome of their study on 1540 related legislation in Grenada. An overview was provided on their main findings and recommendations. A discussion was held on the way forward.

4. **Additional Comments**

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