

Information Note¹

Event:	Inter-agency 1540 roundtable with Haitian officials
Organizers:	Government of Haiti, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
Date and Venue:	26 February 2014, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Participants:	Government of Haiti: Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Public Health and Population, General Customs Administration International Organizations: 1540 CARICOM Regional Coordinator, 1540 Committee Expert

1. Objectives

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

Support efforts and provide advice aimed at the presentation of Haiti's 1540 report.

2. Background

Operative paragraph 4 of resolution 1540 (2004) calls upon States to present a first report on steps they have taken or intend to take to implement the resolution.

Since 2009, the CARICOM-1540 Programme has been assisting its Members States in meeting national obligations ensuing from resolution 1540 (2004).

In the context of the objective to achieve universalization of reporting on 1540, both within the Caribbean and the Americas, the CARICOM Programme has been deepening its engagement with Haiti and has been working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to facilitate the drafting of an initial submission to the 1540 Committee.

3. Overview

The 1540 Expert and the CARICOM Regional Coordinator had a working meeting with the Adviser of the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Pierre Max Charles, as well as other officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They also met the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Fortune Dorlean.

During the working sessions with the national stakeholders, the 1540 Expert made a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004), referring to its context, and highlighting its main obligations. The 1540 CARICOM Regional Coordinator made a presentation of the work carried out by the CARICOM Programme.

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4. Outcome

The meeting in Port-au-Prince was an excellent opportunity to raise awareness among the different stakeholders about resolution 1540 (2004) and the importance to report in accordance with the resolution.