

Information Note¹

- Event:** Iraqi National Round Table on the Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004)
- Organiser:** Republic of Iraq (Iraqi National Monitoring Authority-INMA) supported by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 8-9 June 2016, Vienna, Austria
- Participants:** *Iraqi National participants:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs , Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance (Iraqi Customs), Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Iraqi National Monitoring Authority for Non-Proliferation
- Others:* 1540 Committee Group of Experts, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Biological Weapons Convention Implementation support Unit (BWC-ISU) and United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) Vienna

1. Background

- Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to engage actively in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- The Director General of the Iraqi National Monitoring Authority for Non-proliferation (INMA), via a Note Verbale from Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations dated 12 May 2016, extended an invitation to the Chair of the Committee requesting a member of the 1540 Group of Experts to participate in a national round table meeting on the implementation of United Nation Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) from 8 to 9 June, 2016. The round table meeting was held in Vienna, Austria.

2. Highlights

The round table meeting was attended by total of 13 participants including eight from Iraq from all the relevant ministries and agencies working in nuclear, chemical and biological areas and in the fields of export and border controls. The participants learned about different aspects of the resolution, especially effective tools used to monitor implementation such as national reporting, the 1540 matrix, visits to States by invitation and voluntary National Implementation Action Plan. The matchmaking role of the Committee with regard to assistance was highlighted during the discussion. The Iraqi delegation demonstrated a strong commitment to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), however, they emphasised the issue of terrorism and extremism with which Iraq is confronted presently and sought the Committee's support to overcome the challenges to implementation in this context.

3. Additional comments

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