

Information Note¹

Event:	8th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Organizations, and Law-Enforcement Organizations
Organizers:	The Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation
Date and Venue:	23-25 June 2009; Irkutsk, Russian Federation
Participants:	<i>States: 57 States</i> <i>International organizations:</i> UN Security Council Committee 1267, UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO RATS), Anti-Terrorist Center of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS ATC), 1540 Committee Chairman, 1540 Committee expert

1. Objectives

- raise awareness about the importance of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- establish contacts and lead consultations with Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States on issues related to resolution 1540 (2004).

2. Background

This three-day workshop was the 8th such event organized by the Federal Security Service of Russia.

3. Highlights

Many speakers pointed out that the prevention of non-State actors from access to WMD, their means of delivery and related materials is an important element of a global counter-terrorism strategy. The 1540 Committee Chairman presentation highlighted the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) and the tools available for UN Member States to improve physical security of related materials and export controls and to facilitate information exchanges. The Chairman underlined that resolution 1540 (2004) was directed against the potential nexus between WMD proliferation and international terrorism.

The participants from international organizations expressed their concern about the continuing terrorist efforts to threaten international peace and security. They underlined the necessity to elaborate common approaches to countering terrorism, including measures to enhance international cooperation, liaison, law enforcement coordination, exchange of experience and lessons learned at national, regional, sub-regional and international levels.

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Both the 1540 Committee Chairman and expert had the opportunity to meet with delegates and discuss issues related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

4. Additional comments

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