

Information Note¹

- Event:** **Regional Workshop on Legal Responses to the Fight against International Terrorism.**
- Organizers:** United Nations Office on Drug and Crime in cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC)
- Date and Venue:** 25 – 26 May 2010, Organization of Islamic Conference
Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Participants:** Representatives from OIC Member States, Experts from United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC), Expert from the Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), 1540 Committee experts, 1267 Committee Monitoring Team experts, Expert from NAIF University. The representative of the League of Arabic States (LAS) did not attend the workshop

1. Objectives

- present the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) and describe the role of the resolution in the international framework of the fight against terrorism, underlining common aspects and differences;
- present the role of the 1540 Committee in facilitating assistance matching requests and offers, in assisting States to identify *lacunae* in national implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and in assisting States to ask for technical legislative assistance as well as for equipment and training using, as appropriate, the assistance template;
- improve the cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Conference in consideration of the role that the Organization can play in facilitating the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) amongst its Member States, in particular promoting the sharing of information on good practices and lessons learned.

2. Background

The event was organized to provide the representatives of the OIC Member States with the latest developments related to the fight against international terrorism as well as a forum for sharing information about the latest measures taken to give practical implementation to these international instruments and to strengthen international cooperation.

The participation to the workshop was also considered as a opportunity to emphasize the role of international and regional organizations in supporting capacity building in the area of countering terrorism.

3. Overview

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The expert considered the workshop as an opportunity for raising awareness about the complexity of the process of ratification and national implementation of international laws, about the contents of the UNSC resolutions 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, 1373 (2001) on counter-terrorism, and resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons by non-States actors.

In particular regarding the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the event gave the 1540 Committee expert the possibility to highlight the importance of strengthening the dialogue with the 1540 Committee and to submit either a first report or additional information, according to operative paragraph 4 of resolution 1540 (2004).

The presentation addressed the requirements of the resolution, highlighting its significance for considering illicit trafficking in nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as their means of delivery as a new dimension of proliferation, and for its recognition of the nexus between proliferation and non-State actors, including terrorists, acquiring such weapons, their means of delivery and related materials. The presentation focused on the common aspects and the divergence between resolution 1540 (2004) and the international instruments against terrorism.

4. **Additional comments**

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