

Information Note¹

Event	Regional Workshop on the Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004)
Date and Venue	5-6 November 2013, Kiev, Ukraine
Organizers	The Government of Ukraine in cooperation with the Conflict Prevention Center of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UN ODA)
Participants	States-Members of the OSCE: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Holy See, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Morocco, Montenegro, Japan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United States Other: European Union, UN ODA, OSCE, 1540 Committee expert

Background

- The representatives of the 1540 Committee and the experts closely cooperate with the OSCE in the sphere of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and implementation of resolution 1540.
- As the current OSCE Chairmanship, Ukraine sent an invitation to the Chair of the 1540 Committee to take part in the regional workshop on implementation of resolution 1540. The workshop was expected to assess the contribution of resolution 1540 (2004) to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and also to facilitate relevant national efforts as well as to further regional cooperation. The workshop was also intended to deal with the issue of export control systems and law enforcement.
- The workshop was expected to take stock of the implementation of the resolution and focus on its role in general process of disarmament and non-proliferation. The aim of the event was to facilitate relevant national efforts as well as further regional co-operation.

Objectives for 1540 expert participation

- Deliver a presentation on the present status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

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- Participate in interactive discussions with the participants of the workshop on an assessment of resolution 1540's contribution to international and regional efforts against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Contribute to round-table discussions on "Export Control System and Law Enforcement, including the role of Security Forces in prevention of proliferation of sensitive materials which can be used in creation of weapons of mass destruction".
- Interact with officials of participating States and representatives of relevant international organizations with a view to identifying further measures to be taken to fully implement resolution 1540 (2004), including the needs for possible technical assistance.

Highlights

During the workshop its participants were involved into a series of interactive discussions aimed at experience-sharing, exchange of deliberations and good practices and question and answer sessions. Agencies from the participating Member States had a good opportunity to get first hand information on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in neighbouring countries, on existing achievements and gaps in this regard, on the activities of the 1540 Committee and international bodies assisting in implementation of the resolution. Round-table discussions on "Export Control System and Law Enforcement, including the role of Security Forces in prevention of proliferation of sensitive materials which can be used in creation of weapons of mass destruction" helped to identify some specific needs and forms of possible assistance requests. For example in the area of training of personnel and establishing necessary equipment at border check points.

In the margins of the workshop the 1540 expert conducted bilateral consultations with representatives of Albania and Moldova regarding possible country visits in 2013.

It is noteworthy that the participants of the workshop were able to develop a Chair's summary of the proceedings and outcome of the workshop including some unofficial recommendations for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (Attachment 1). These recommendations have created a basis for further implementation of resolution by the OSCE and its Member States.

Additional comments

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