

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Domestic Export Controls and Maritime Security Workshop in Support of the Implementation of UNSCR 1540</b>
<b>Organizers:</b>	Organization of American States (OAS), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and Henry L. Stimson Center; sponsored by the Governments of Canada (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade), and the United States (Department of Energy)
<b>Date and Venue:</b>	15-17 June 2009; Kingston, Jamaica
<b>Key Participants:</b>	<i>States:</i> Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago <i>Observer States:</i> Canada, United States <i>International organizations and entities:</i> CARICOM, Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC), OAS, 1540 Committee expert <i>Civil society and private sector:</i> Caribbean Shipping Association, FedEx, Stimson Center, TranSystems

### 1. Objectives

- Explore projects that could complement or contribute to implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Share experiences and lessons learned to facilitate implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Encourage submission of first national reports and additional information as appropriate.

### 2. Background

This workshop on export controls was a contribution to one of three types of assistance requested by CARICOM, the first subregional organisation submitting a request on behalf of its Member States to the 1540 Committee. The request included: establishment of a 1540 coordinator based in CARICOM, legislative drafting assistance, and a workshop on border and export controls. The Henry L. Stimson Center organised this workshop as a response to the third part of the request and as a follow-on to a regional workshop on resolution 1540 and national priorities that it had also organised in February 2009.

The framework for this workshop was adopted under the “Next 100 Project,” a collaborative effort between the Cooperation Nonproliferation Program at the Henry L. Stimson Center and the Stanley Foundation that supports the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The project is designed to help States build capacity by combining the implementation of the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) with national priorities and development agendas.

### 3. Highlights

The workshop focused on developing effective border and export control measures to prevent WMD proliferation and other transnational threats while contributing to improved security of trans-shipment

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points in the Caribbean. Presentation and panels discussed how resolution 1540 (2004) can act as a tool to:

- contribute to addressing Caribbean security, development and capacity needs;
- address current maritime and port security challenges;
- develop necessary regulations, procedures and practices.

Workshop participants addressed specific ways in which security components could be integrated into existing development activities. The 1540 Committee expert proposed that a lecture or session on resolution 1540 (2004) be added regularly to the syllabus of an upcoming seminar on Treaty Law and Practice hosted by CARICOM and the UN Secretariat Treaty Section.

In addition, the 1540 Committee expert and the representative of the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC) discussed options for collaboration between the 1540 Committee, CARICOM, and Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO) on issues of border security and customs control.

#### **4. Bilateral consultations**

The 1540 Committee expert conducted dialogues with individual States, including providing each participating country with its 1540 matrix and discussing its content, regarding their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

#### **5. Additional comments**

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