

Information Note¹

Event: Global Partnership Working Group (GPWG) meeting

Organizers: United States of America in its Presidency of the G-8

Date and Venue: 23-24 October 2012; Livermore, United States of America

Participants: *States:* Global Partnership members

Other: European Union

International organizations and other entities: Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (BWC-ISU), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), INTERPOL, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Customs Organization (WCO), World Health Organization (WHO), one 1540 Committee expert

1. **Objectives**

- Update GPWG participants on recent developments, including on assistance and country-specific activities;
- Participate in regional break-out sessions;
- Obtain feedback from Global Partnership partners on the presentation regarding match-making on assistance delivered by a 1540 Committee expert, at the 24-25 January 2012 meeting of the GPWG;
- Work directly with the more than twenty states of the GPWG and other invited participants on match-making using the consolidated list of assistance requests approved by the 1540 Committee and shared with GPWG partners;
- Discuss actions taken, trends in assistance, and lessons learned;
- Encourage GPWG participants to submit points of contact as well as any other relevant information to the 1540 Committee.

2. **Background**

At the Deauville G8 Summit, in May 2011, Heads of State and Government decided to renew the Global Partnership beyond 2012. Moreover, the G8 *Global Partnership Assessment and Options for Future Programming* document (Deauville, May 2011) identifies priorities for the future of the Partnership, including facilitation of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and for which Global Partnership partners can consider providing assistance: “*By providing equipment, expertise and training, GP partners could enhance WMD non-proliferation and counter-terrorism capacities in countries seeking to meet 1540 obligations and lacking the ability to do so, upon their request.*”

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The 23-24 October 2012 meeting was the fifth one under the US Presidency, following the meetings held on 24-25 January 2012 in Washington D.C., on 13-14 March 2012 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 17-18 April 2012 in Miami, Florida, and on 28-29 August 2012 in Stockholm, Sweden, which was attended by the 1540 Committee Chairman.

3. **Highlights**

Discussions were held on several matters, including:

- International organizations' support to the Global Partnership and resolution 1540 (2004) objectives;
- Coordination between international organizations and the Global Partnership;
- Chemical security;
- Biosecurity;
- Nuclear and radiological matters;

4. **Additional comments**

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