Information Note¹

Event: Inter-agency 1540 roundtable with officials from Togo on the implementation of

resolution 1540 (2004)

Organizers: Government of Togo, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and

the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)

Date and Venue: 6 June 2014, Lomé, Togo

Participants: Government of Togo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Ministry of

Trade, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Mines and Energy and Ministry of Economy

and Finance (Customs).

International Organizations: UNODA, UNREC, 1540 Committee experts

1. Objectives

Participate in the broad-based inter-agency 1540 roundtable with officials from Togo.

Deepen dialogue with the Government of Togo, including on the possibility of submitting an additional report to the 1540 Committee.

2. Background

The UNODA and UNREC organized a workshop for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) for Portuguese-speaking Member States in Lomé from 5-6 June 2014, aimed at facilitating the submission of initial reports to the 1540 Committee.

In this context, the Government of Togo proposed to take advantage of the presence of two 1540 experts in Lomé, to organize a round table on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) with representatives of different ministries of its Government.

3. Overview

After the welcoming remarks, the 1540 experts made a general presentation of resolution 1540 (2004), highlighting the obligations and the assistance role of the Committee. The experts also referred to measures identified in the Togo 1540 matrix as well as to recently adopted measures related to resolution 1540 (2004).

During the discussions, a representative of the Togolese Government briefed about activities that his Government had been carrying out with regards to resolution 1540 (2004).

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The meeting in Lomé was a good opportunity to raise awareness among the wide range of participating stakeholders about resolution 1540 (2004). It also offered the possibility to deepen dialogue with Togo about the implementation of the resolution and to consider future steps.

4. Additional Comments

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