

Information Note¹

- Event:** Summer School on Disarmament and Non Proliferation
- Organizers:** Government of Mexico, The Diplomatic Academy of Mexico "Instituto Matías Romero" in coordination with the James Martin Center for Non-proliferation Studies (CNS) of the Monterey Institute for International Studies.
- Date and Venue:** 7-11 July 2014, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Participants:** *Government of Mexico:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Commission of Nuclear Security and Safeguards.
- Students from the following States:* Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.
- International Organizations:* Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) and Brazilian-Argentine Agency for the Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC).
- Other:* Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy, Belfer Center, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), James Martin Center for Non-proliferation Studies (CNS), Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and VERTIC.

1. Objectives

- Make a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004) highlighting its implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Raise awareness of the obligations derived from resolution 1540 (2004) among participants, as well as discuss with them the implementation of the resolution in their respective States.

2. Background

The 13th Programme of work of the 1540 Committee establishes that the Committee will, *inter alia*, consider and seize opportunities, as appropriate, for direct interaction, with their States' consent, with relevant industries and industry groups, academia and civil society.

The Government of Mexico, through the *Instituto Matías Romero* and in coordination with the CNS invited diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean to the first Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

3. Overview

This was the first edition of a Summer School aimed at 23 diplomats of Latin America and the Caribbean. The objective of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs was to provide an academic space

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to discuss the importance of nuclear disarmament and to support the United Nations efforts in promoting nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education.

The programme included a series of sessions devoted to disarmament and non-proliferation topics and a specific session on the study of resolution 1540 (2004) and its implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The 1540 expert made a presentation about resolution 1540, its obligations, the work of the Committee, highlighting in particular the activities carried out in the region. He also referred to measures taken by States in the region in line with resolution 1540 (2004).

Students showed particular interest in the 1540 Committee visits to States and the development of 1540 National Action Plans.

In the margins of the meeting, the 1540 expert had also the opportunity to discuss with relevant participants possible future steps to be taken in the region to further enhance the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

4. **Additional Comments**

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