

Information Note¹

- Event:** “Specialized workshop on international best practices on export controls”
- Organizer:** Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Government of Mexico
- Venue and Date:** Mexico City, Mexico, 22-24 April 2013
- Participants:** *Government of Mexico:* Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of the Navy, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Health, Attorney General, Customs General Administration; *invited* Government representatives: Argentina, Germany, United Kingdom and United States; *International Organizations:* Organization of American States (Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism), United Nations (1540 Group of experts); *Academia:* University of Georgia, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

1. Objectives of participation

Make a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004), its subsequent resolutions and the work of the 1540 Committee. Provide details and expert advice on the obligations of resolutions 1540 (2004) and 1977 (2011), especially on requirements stemming from operative paragraph 3 of resolution 1540 (2004), in particular on export controls.

2. Background

The Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the OAS, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the 1540 Group of experts have been working to support OAS Member States in their implementation of key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004). In May 2011, Mexico and CICTE agreed on a Comprehensive Capacity Building Work Plan for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). A specialized workshop on international best practices on export controls was the first activity envisaged in the above-mentioned Work Plan.

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3. Highlights of presentations and discussions

The workshop was divided into four modules:

1. Aim of an exports' control regime
2. Key elements of an exports' control regime
3. The role of the private sector
4. International cooperation

Invited governmental speakers were asked to make presentations on how the different aspects of export controls are handled in their respective countries. These presentations were complemented with the perspectives from International Organizations, the academia and a research institute. Mexican officials shared also their experiences in adjusting Mexico's legal framework in preparation for its participation in the different export control regimes.

The OAS and Mexico have agreed on additional activities within the framework of this Work Plan, which will include a second workshop on international best practices on export controls, two workshops on legislative assistance for the development of a Strategic Trade Law, and two workshops on law enforcement.

4. Additional comments

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