

Information Note¹

Event: Global Partnership Working Group (GPWG) meeting

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

Date and Venue: 17-18 April 2012; Miami, Florida, United States of America

Participants: *States:* Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mexico (as an observer), Netherlands, Poland, Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the United States
Other: European Union
International organizations and other entities: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), INTERPOL, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), World Customs Organization (WCO), World Health Organization (WHO), one 1540 Committee expert
Civil society, industry and private sector: World Institute for Nuclear Security

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 17-18 April 2012 meeting was the third one under the US Presidency of the G-8, following the meetings held on 24-25 January 2012 in Washington, D.C. and on 13-14 March 2012 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In its January 2012 letter to the U.S. G-8 Presidency, the 1540 Committee refers to the consolidated list of assistance requests approved by the Committee and shared with the G-8 partners, mentioning it would welcome a substantive and pro-active dialogue with the G-8 partners on this issue.

3. **Highlights**

Discussions were held on several matters, including:

- International organizations' support to the Global Partnership and resolution 1540 (2004) objectives, and their needs to provide such support;
- The project aimed at establishing an International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS) in Tarnów, Poland;
- Coordination between international organizations and the Global Partnership;
- Bio-security;
- Nuclear security culture;
- Centers of excellence and support centers.

Regional break-out sessions took place, allowing Global Partnership partners and international organizations to have in-depth discussions on their existing and proposed assistance projects, including those aimed to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

4. **Additional comments**

For further information, please contact the 1540 Committee experts by e-mail at 1540experts@un.org.