

Information Note¹

- Event:** Myanmar National Round Table on the Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004)
- Organizer:** Hosted by the Government of Myanmar in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 19-20 January 2016, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
- Participants:** *Myanmar National participants:* Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Office of Union Attorney General, Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Office of the Judge Advocate General, Office of the Chief of Defence Industries, Directorate of Ordinance Services, Directorate of Medical Services, National Defence College, Defence Services Science and Technology Research Centre
- Speakers:* 1540 Committee Group of Experts, UN Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and Pacific (UNRCPD), the EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) and United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)

1. **Background**

- Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- On 5 October 2015, Mr. Kyaw Moe Tun, Deputy Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, via a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Myanmar to the United Nations dated 9 October 2015, extended an invitation to the Chair of the Committee requesting representatives of the Committee and members of the 1540 Group of Experts to participate in the national round table to facilitate the event and relevant assistance to support the national implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

2. **Highlights**

The workshop included more than 30 participants from all relevant ministries and agencies in the Government of Myanmar working in nuclear, chemical and biological areas and in the fields of export and border controls. The participants learned about different aspects of the resolution, especially effective tools used to monitor implementation such as national reporting, the 1540

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matrix, visits to States at invitations and voluntary national implementation action plan. The matchmaking role of the Committee with regard to assistance was highlighted during the discussion. Myanmar demonstrated a strong commitment to disarmament, non-proliferation and support for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by reaffirming its cooperation with the 1540 Committee to move in the direction of full and effective implementation in Myanmar.

3. **Additional comments**

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