

Information Note¹

- Event:** Meeting with an Inter-Ministerial Working Group of Turkmenistan together with the OSCE to assist with developing of voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP)
- Organizers:** Government of Turkmenistan and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Date and venue:** 28 - 29 September 2015, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- Participants:** The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Turkmenistan, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 1540 Committee Experts, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Objectives for the participating 1540 Committee experts

- To discuss the implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004) in Turkmenistan
- To assist Turkmenistan's authorities with development of voluntary 1540 NAP.
- To discuss any assistance needs and requests that may be included in the NAP.

Background

- Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of the necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation.
- The resolution encourages all States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation action plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts has interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malawi, Niger, Togo and Serbia.
- On 31 July 2015 the OSCE invited the 1540 Committee and its experts to join a meeting to assist Turkmenistan to develop and draft a voluntary 1540 National Implementation Action Plan and to participate in discussions of the Inter-Ministerial Working Group to help facilitate drafting a voluntary NAP.

Highlights

The 1540 Committee Experts gave an overview on the 1540 obligations as well as of 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plans and an overview of the 1540 matrix of Turkmenistan. Other international organisations briefed participants on their respective activities and programmes.

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The meeting was conducted as an exercise consisting of the identification of the needs for, and drafting of, voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) of a fictional country. This approach was designed to assist Turkmenistan to find a starting point for its own NAP and to assist Turkmenistan in the identification of priorities to be included in a NAP.

Although the meeting did not result in developing a draft NAP for Turkmenistan it is expected that it will facilitate the development of such a NAP in the future, by briefing national stakeholders on their 1540 obligations and highlight specific measures that Turkmenistan could take.

3. Additional Comments

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