

# Information Note<sup>1</sup>

- Event:** **Workshop on the Responding to UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) with Development and Capacity Building Assistance in Central America**
- Organizers:** The Office of the Secretary General of the Central American Integration System (SICA) The office of the Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) with The Stanley Foundation and The Stimson Center
- Date and Venue:** Panama City, Panama, 5 May 2010
- Participants:** Member States of the Central American Integration System (SICA) and representatives of the CARICOM, OAS, ICI, Arias Foundation for Peace, International Trade and Security Center of the University of Georgia, SICA, Stimson Center, Stanley Foundation, from the coordination of 1540 from the Department of States-USA, and one expert of the 1540 Committee experts

## 1. Objectives

- a) To promote awareness among the represented States on the importance of resolution 1540 (2004) and its full implementation;
- b) To explain the requirements of Res.1540 regarding the submission of outstanding first report and additional information by reporting States;
- c) To identify the obstacles and challenges in the adoption of national legislation and to work on ways to alleviate the complying burden through the possibility of requiring assistance through the 1540 Committee in its roll of clearing house among possible donors to the full implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004).
- d) To express the possibility to address resolution 1540 (2004) obligations through a sub-regional approach.

## 2. Background and overview

In regard to existing security problems, the obligation that represents the implementation of UNSC resolution 1540 (2004) in Central America and to the difficulties met by the regional countries when confronting these threats in a decisive manner without outside help, the OAS, SICA, Stanley Foundation, and Stimson Center agreed to organize a one-day meeting in Panama City to promote awareness in SICA members states and to enhance their capabilities to implement resolution 1540 (2004) in parallel with other important challenges that are common to the region.

The organizers objective was to facilitate States' continued implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), with a particular focus on the needs of the region to develop plans for the enforcement of the obligations of States, through effective measures capable of preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass

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destruction as well as other measures that can help states to build a barrier against threats to security issues in a context of a sub regional organization.

Encouraged by the CARICOM model, OAS assisted in the organization of a similar meeting on the Central American region, confident in reaching the same success of the Caribbean model with the Central American States

In the course of the workshop it was brought up that the Central American Integration System (SICA) could encourage a regional approach to develop a better solution for the region by joining efforts to face the security problems.

It was also put forward the possibility that SICA would become a focal point within the region, able to identify common needs and to access to technical assistance resources available for addressing security threats that affect the region

The Panama event renewed States commitment to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), their means of delivery and the possibility to open a new approach on sub-regional organizations, to help states in their commitment to control WMD-related materials as well as to prevent and punish crimes against security that affect the region.

### 3. **Additional comments**

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