

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

- Event:** Meeting to assist Panama in the development of a 1540 National Implementation Action Plan
- Organizers:** Panama and the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organization of American States (OAS/CICTE)
- Participants:** *Panama:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Government, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Public Security, National Security Council, National Customs Authority, Civil Aviation Authority, Special Police Services, Firefighters Corps, University of Panama, Gorgas Institute for Health Research.
- Observer:** Regional Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Advisor (United States Embassy, Panama)
- Date and venue:** 28-29 July 2016, Panama City, Panama.

### 1. 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).
- Colombia and Mexico have been participating in an OAS 1540 project and presented their voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NAPs) on 30 May 2014 and 21 November 2014 respectively.
- A workshop organized by OAS/CICTE with officials of the Government of Panama took place on 18 December 2014, during which presentations were made to familiarize the authorities of Panama with the obligations of resolution 1540 (2004) and the work of the OAS in the region among others.

### 2. Overview

Over the course of the mission, three meetings were held with the following inter-ministerial groups:

- CBRN National Response Plan Implementation Group

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- International Counter-Terrorism Coordination Council
- Non-proliferation Group

Among others, during the meetings, the 1540 expert made a presentation to the authorities of the Panama 1540 matrix as approved by the 1540 Committee, highlighting the areas in which additional measures might need to be considered. During the course of the discussions the priority areas for the development of an NAP were identified. The 1540 Group of experts in cooperation with CICTE will continue supporting Panama's effort to develop and implement a voluntary 1540 NAP.

### **3. Additional Comments**

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