

Information Note¹

Event:	Global Partnership (GP) Working Group Meeting, Enlarged Format
Date and Location:	10 October 2011, Paris, France
Organizers or Sponsors:	France in its Presidency of the G8
Participants:	<i>States:</i> Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russian Federation, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the United States <i>International Organizations:</i> European Union, 1540 Committee experts

1. Workshop Objectives

- Review the achievements of the Global Partnership during the French Presidency of the GP (2011)
- Discuss new directions for the Global Partnership and the associated assistance activities
- Engage in experience sharing on assistance partnerships in Global Partnership projects
- Discuss proposed priorities for the upcoming US Presidency of the GP (2012)

2. Background

- This G8 GPWG meeting in Paris builds on discussions held in October 2010 in Vancouver, Canada, during the Canadian G8 presidency in which Ambassador Heller and a 1540 Committee expert participated. The current Chairman of the G8 GP Working Group (GPWG) invited the 1540 Committee Chairman to participate in this meeting of the GPWG to discuss how the GPWG could help advance implementation of resolution 1540, and extended the invitation to 1540 Committee experts.
- The 1540 Committee and the G8 Global Partnership have shared information on assistance activities, on both requests for and offers of assistance.
- Annually, G8 partners have issued demarches to States that have not yet submitted a report to the 1540 Committee to encourage them to report.
- At the Deauville G8 Summit, in May 2011, Heads of State and Government decided to renew the GP beyond 2012. Regarding resolution 1540, the Declaration on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (Deauville G8 Summit, May 2011) states that “We welcome the adoption of resolution 1977 reinforcing resolution 1540 which aims to prevent non-State actors from acquiring WMDs, their means of delivery and related materials and renewing the mandate of the 1540 Committee. We invite all States to contribute to the implementation of resolution 1540 and we reiterate our support to the 1540 Committee in the discharge of its mandate” (paragraph 14).
- Moreover, the G8 “Global Partnership Assessment and Options for Future Programming” document (Deauville, May 2011) identifies four new priorities for the future of the Partnership,

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including facilitation of resolution 1540² and for which GP partners can consider to provide 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.”

3. Highlights

- The partners reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and directions for the future (<http://www.g20-g8.com/g8-g20/g8/english/the-2011-summit/declarations-and-reports/appendices/g8-global-partnership-assessment-and-options-for.1354.html>)
- France circulated its 1540 National Action Plan,³ which includes a list of the principle cooperative actions in which it has engaged to further implementation of the resolution. France will post the Annex to the report, with its compilation of GP projects, on the web site for the 2011 French Presidency of the G8 and G20 (<http://www.g20-g8.com/g8-g20/g20/english/home.9.html>).
- The partners discussed three possible priorities for the GP under the 2012 Presidency of the United States, namely: **improving coordination** and project planning; **expanding the GP**; and greater clarity on what to count as a contribution and a **more comprehensive understanding of current and future funding** for GP projects and likely funding needs.
- In addition to proposals on the direction of new GP assistance efforts, the partners exchanged experiences relevant to projects likely to be taken in the future. This included experiences in establishing 1540 coordinators in regional or sub-regional organizations, the importance of conducting in-depth needs assessments for project success, and match-making.

4. Additional comments

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

² The other three new priorities are nuclear and radiological security, biological security, and scientist engagement. The document also notes ongoing efforts to proceed with the destruction of chemical weapons.

³ Posted on the 1540 Committee website at www.un.org/sc/1540/nationaldocuments.shtml.