

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

- Event:** Chemical and Explosives Terrorism Prevention Training Course
- Organizer:** International Criminal Police Organisation's (INTERPOL) Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives (CBRNE) Sub-Directorate, in cooperation with the National Central Bureau of Thailand
- Date and Venue:** 17 to 20 June 2014, Phuket, Thailand
- Participants:** *Participating States:* Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam
- States Providing Speakers:* Australia and United States.
- International, regional and sub-regional organizations:*, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), United Nations Interregional Crimes and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), World Customs Organisation (WCO), and 1540 Committee Group of Experts.
- Non-Governmental Organisations:* Chemical Business Association (UK)

### 1. **Objectives of Participation of 1540 expert:**

- To give presentations as requested by INTERPOL on the full 1540 obligations with a focus on National Implementation Action Plan in relation to developing a prevention strategy.
- To explore synergies and facilitate coordination and cooperation with INTERPOL.
- To follow up, as appropriate, with participating officials on 1540 issues particular to their countries.

### 2. **Background**

- The INTERPOL's CBRNE Sub-Directorate has delivered a series of regional Chemical and Explosives Terrorism Prevention Training Courses in 2013 and 2014. The 1540 experts made presentations at two previous courses in Tbilisi, Georgia, November 2013 and in Warsaw, Poland, May 2014. This course continued the interaction and cooperation between 1540 Committee (and the experts) with INTERPOL. The region-based ChemEx training courses were planned involving the participation of the police, customs and chemical industry representatives and aimed to provide a framework by which an INTERPOL member country could establish a chemical security and chemical counter-terrorism measures programme. Resolution 1540 (2004) was a central theme of the course to address the chemical and explosive threat.

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- This course focused on the South East Asia region, and representatives were invited from Cambodia<sup>2</sup>, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.
- Most of the speakers also presented at the Tbilisi and Warsaw courses.

### 3. **Assessment**

The course included more than 30 participants from Police, Customs, Interior, Border Security and chemical industry from the regional countries. Through the course, the participants learned the necessity for, and methods used to, reduce the threat posed by chemical and explosive devices through developing a range of prevention strategies and enhancing national capacity. The participants agreed that coordination among national stakeholders needs to be further strengthened to better address the chemical and explosive threat pursuant to the obligations set out under resolution 1540 (2004).

### 4. **Additional comments**

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<sup>2</sup> Cambodia was invited, but did not participate.