

Information Note¹

Event:	Towards an Arab Strategy for Nuclear Security
Organizer:	Naif Arab University for Security Sciences in cooperation with the League of Arab States
Venue and Date:	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 3-5 June 2013
Participants:	<p><i>Representatives of:</i> Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), as well as from the Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority, the Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Authority of Egypt and the Nuclear Regulatory Authority of Pakistan.</p> <p><i>International Organizations:</i> League of Arab States, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), 1540 Committee Group of experts</p> <p><i>Academia:</i> Khalifa University (Abu Dhabi, UAE)</p>

1. Objectives of participation

Make a presentation about resolution 1540 (2004).

Exchange views on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in the League of Arab States.

2. Background

Based on resolution 918 (26 November 2012) of the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice regarding the enhancement of Arab and International cooperation in combating terrorism, the Naif Arab University for Security Sciences organized a scientific forum entitled “Towards an Arab Strategy for Nuclear Security”.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has hosted a series of events in support of resolution 1540 (2004), in particular in the States of the League of Arab States. In December 2012, it hosted a high-level event in which the UN Secretary General participated as well as the 1540 Committee Chair. In January 2013, it also hosted in Riyadh a training workshop for Customs officials.

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From 22-24 April 2013, the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia hosted a workshop on Preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors: the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in the Arab world.

3. Highlights of presentations and discussions

The overall objective of the organizers was to agree to a series of recommendations for the development of an Arab Strategy for Nuclear Security, which were presented at the end of the meeting.

Regional and international experts made presentations on the following main topics of the workshop:

1. Nuclear security, legislative and regulatory aspects
2. The security of transport of radioactive and nuclear materials, combating their illicit trafficking
3. Nuclear security and the future of nuclear power
4. Information security in nuclear and radiological installations
5. The development of human resources in the field of nuclear security
6. An Arab strategy for nuclear security

The conclusions address, inter alia, the need for the establishment of an Arab strategy for nuclear security, plans and programs for a nuclear security culture, legislative and regulatory measures in Arab countries related to nuclear security and the follow-up by the Naif Arab University for Security Sciences of the development of an Arab Strategy for Nuclear Security.

4. Additional comments

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