

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

**Event:** NATO Regional Cooperation Course (NRCC)

**Organizers:** NATO Defense College

**Date and Venue:** 11 March 2013, Rome, Italy

**Participants:** *NATO Regional/Military officers and civilian officials and diplomats from: Algeria, Egypt, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Mauritania, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United States*

### 1. Objectives

- Raise awareness of resolution 1540 (2004), through a lecture highlighting the non-proliferation efforts of the United Nations through resolution 1540 (2004), including the role played by the 1540 Committee;
- Discuss the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in the region, including the status of assistance offers and requests;
- Seize the opportunity of the participation of a participant from a State that has not yet submitted a report to the Committee to discuss the matter of reporting;
- Expand the network of working contacts in the military community of participating States involved in security and nonproliferation issues.

### 2. Background

- NATO has been a participant in the 2009 Comprehensive Review of the implementation of resolution 2004 (2004), during which its representative stated that “*NATO will continue to reinforce its cooperation with different regions for promoting the full implementation of UNSCR 1540 and contribute to capacity building at national level*”;
- NATO has invited the 1540 Committee in several of its activities, such as the June 2011 Annual Conference on WMD Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation, and has attended several outreach activities in which the 1540 Committee and its experts have participated. NATO has also received a visit from the 1540 Committee Chairman (May 2007) and has formally briefed the Committee (December 2007, briefing by NATO Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy).
- The NRCC is a 10-weeks course on strategic issues (security challenges, the role of international organizations, crisis management) gathering an audience of participants from NATO countries and participants from non-NATO countries that are part of the NATO Mediterranean Dialogue (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia) and/or of the NATO Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (initially proposed to States of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and now open to a broader participation). In addition, the course is also open to partners such as Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.
- The NRCC is organized by the NATO Defense College Middle East Faculty, under the leadership of Colonel Giuseppe Morabito.

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### 3. **Highlights**

The 1540 Committee expert delivered a presentation [HYPERLINK], during a session chaired and moderated by Dr. Jean-Loup Samaan, Research Advisor at the NATO College Defense Middle East Faculty. The 1540 Committee expert gave an overview of 1540 requirements, presenting the functioning of the 1540 Committee including its clearinghouse function, on key achievements and on the way forward in light of resolution 1977 (2011).

The 1540 Committee expert also shared data on implementation efforts in the region, using the information of the 1540 Committee Matrices and other information openly available.

The presentation was followed by a very active discussion, with questions and comments from participants on a vast array of issues.

### 4. **Additional comments**

More information on the NATO Defense College at: <http://www.ndc.nato.int/>

The press release issued by NATO Defense College at:  
[http://www.ndc.nato.int/news/current\\_news.php?icode=498](http://www.ndc.nato.int/news/current_news.php?icode=498)

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