

Information Note¹

Events:	National round table on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)
Organizers:	Government of the Dominican Republic, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) / Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC).
Date and venue:	27 January 2015, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Participants:	Government of Dominican Republic: Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Interior and Police, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance, General Customs Directorate, National Commission of Energy, Supreme Court. International Organizations: 1540 Committee Experts UNLIREC

1. Objectives

Make a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004), highlighting its obligations.

Discuss and analyse with the participants the 1540 matrix of Dominican Republic and exchange views on how to address any gaps identified.

2. Background

Operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) recognises that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of the resolution. Operative paragraph 14 of resolution 1977 (2011), *inter alia*, urged relevant international organisations to inform the Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance. In operative paragraph 11(a) of resolution 1810 (2008), the pursuit of the ongoing dialogue between the 1540 Committee and States are encouraged.

UNODA through UNLIREC, organized a national roundtable on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) on 27 January 2015 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. This activity took place in the context of Phase 1 of UNLIREC's Assistance Package on strengthening the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Caribbean States.

This was the fourth roundtable in the Caribbean aimed at strengthening national legislation and policy frameworks in support of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). Similar UNODA / UNLIREC

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roundtables were undertaken in Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica with the participation of 1540 Committee experts, in June, October and December 2014.

3. Overview

3.1. Meeting with the Minister of Defence

In the margins of the roundtable, the Director of UNLIREC, Ms. Mélanie Regimbal, and the 1540 expert met with the Minister of Defence, Lieutenant-General Máximo William Muñoz Delgado. During the meeting they briefed the Minister about the objectives of the roundtable and about the conclusions derived from the Dominican Republic matrix and the legal study carried out by UNLIREC.

3.2 Working session

The meeting brought together the members of a multi-sectoral coordination commission which was set up to address the obligations of the Dominican Republic derived from resolution 1540 (2004).

The meeting was opened by General Francisco Ovalle, in charge of the Initiative against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction at the Ministry of Defence, and the Director of the UNLIREC.

The roundtable included presentations by UNLIREC and the 1540 Committee expert, as well as interactive sessions with representatives of the Government of Dominican Republic.

The 1540 expert made a presentation on the background as well as the continuing relevance of resolution 1540 (2004), its obligations and follow-up resolutions. He also mentioned the assistance matchmaking role of the Committee, as well as elements that Governments might consider for the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans.

A representative from UNLIREC made a presentation of the main findings of the legal study carried out by the Regional Centre. In the framework of the interactive debates, national stakeholders referred to various measures taken by the Government of the Dominican Republic that relate to resolution 1540 (2004).

During the concluding remarks, reference was made to possible future steps for 1540 implementation.

4. Additional comments

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