

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

- Event:** Regional Workshop on Promoting Full Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004): Sharing Effective Practices, Revitalizing Assistance, and Developing Future Strategy
- Organizer:** The Government of the Republic of Korea (ROK) in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 27-28 October 2014, Seoul, ROK
- Participants:** *States:* Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Timor Leste, France, India, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, ROK, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK, USA and Vietnam.
- International, regional and sub-regional organizations:* Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG), European Union (EU), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Customs Organization (WCO), World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), 1540 Committee and 1540 Committee Group of Experts.

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

- To make a presentation on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and the challenges faced.
- To gain first-hand knowledge of the measures taken by the States of the region towards the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and to contribute to the discourse amongst the participants for future such steps for full implementation of the resolution including consideration of National Implementation Action Plans, nomination of 1540 Points of Contact and regional networking.
- To facilitate gap analysis and identification of assistance needs and participate in the matchmaking efforts during the workshop with participants who are willing to provide assistance.
- To contribute in the discussions amongst the participants for the way ahead for 1540 implementation that will help shape the Comprehensive Review and contribute to the development of the 1540 Committee's future strategy.

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## 2. **Background**

In the context of the tenth anniversary year of resolution 1540 (2004) the ROK, in cooperation with UNODA, organised the workshop with the objectives of looking into:

- The measures to strengthen 1540 implementation in Asia
- The measures to revitalize capacity-building efforts and assistance
- The tasks ahead for advancing resolution 1540 (2004), including preparations for the 2016 Comprehensive Review.

Members of the 1540 Committee participated along with representatives from Asian countries and from a wide range of international organisations

## 3. **Assessment**

Through participation in the workshop, the experts achieved the objective of gaining first-hand knowledge of the measures taken by the States of the Asian region towards full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), to facilitate gap analysis and identification of assistance needs and to contribute in the discussions amongst the participants for the ways ahead in 1540 implementation that will help shape the conduct of the Comprehensive Review and contribute to the development of the 1540 Committee's future strategy. The participants gained a better understanding of resolution 1540 (2004) and committed to continued dialogue with the Committee toward full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and to contribute to a successful Comprehensive Review before the end of 2016.

## 4. **Additional comments**

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