

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

**Event:** A joint meeting with the Republic of Serbia for the Implementation of the 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP)

**Organizer:** Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Government of the Republic of Serbia, with the support of UNODA

**Date and Venue:** 26 May 2015, Belgrade, Serbia

**Participants:** *Serbian Governmental officials:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Telecommunication, Trade and Tourism, Customs Administration, National Bank, Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering, Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, Institute of Physics, VINCA Institute of Nuclear Sciences, and the Permanent Mission to the OSCE and other International Organisations (Vienna)

*UN entities, international/regional organizations:* United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Center (RACVIAC), the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of the Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), and 1540 Committee experts.

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

- Discuss and assess the development and implementation of Serbia's voluntary 1540 NAPs.
- Exchange views on national non-proliferation efforts and share lessons learnt and identify the Serbian needs for assistance, in particular in connection to capacity building.

### 2. **Background**

- On 2 February 2015, the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations through the Chair, invited representatives of the Committee to participate in a meeting, alongside the Second Annual Meeting of the OSCE Points of Contact (PoC) on UNSCR 1540, on 26 May 2015 with the Working Group for the Implementation of the 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) of the Republic of Serbia.
- The Serbian NAP was adopted in April 2012 and was prepared in cooperation with the 1540 Committee and its experts, supported by the OSCE. A Working Group was established for the implementation of the 1540 voluntary NAP.

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- Serbia submitted five reports to the 1540 Committee. The latest was submitted on 12 May 2014.

### 3. **Assessment**

In the meeting, the 1540 Committee expert gave a detailed overview of the full range of 1540 obligations and updated the participants on the current activities and work of the Committee and the Group of Experts. The expert also led a detailed discussion on Serbia's national implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) based on the recent update Serbian 1540 matrix. The Serbian side agreed to update the 1540 Committee on a regular basis on its measures for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in a manner to contribute to the comprehensive review.

The meeting provided a valuable platform for the 1540 Committee expert to discuss and assess the development and implementation of Serbia's voluntary 1540 NAP. Views were exchanged on Serbia's national non-proliferation efforts and the State's needs, in particular in connection to 1540 implementation capacity building, were further identified.

### 4. **Additional comments**

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