

# Information Note<sup>1</sup>

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| <b>Event:</b>            | <b>Implementing UNSC Resolution 1540 in Uzbekistan</b>   |
| <b>Organizers:</b>       | James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), Monterey Institute of International Studies; co-sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan with support from the U.S. Department of State  |
| <b>Date &amp; Venue:</b> | 10-11 February 2009; Tashkent, Uzbekistan,   |
| <b>Participants:</b>     | <i>States:</i> Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Germany, the Russian Federation, and the United States<br><br><i>Other:</i> European Union Central Asia Drug Action Programme and European Commission-UN Development Programme Partnership<br><br><i>International organizations:</i> Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 1540 Committee expert<br><br><i>Civil society:</i> Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) |

## 1. Objectives

- promote awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) and facilitate the provision of additional information and/or an action plan for implementation from the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- discuss the 1540 matrix of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- present the role of the 1540 Committee in matching assistance requests and offers.

## 2. Background

The CNS identified their its main objectives for the seminar as follows: to increase the awareness of relevant Uzbek government agencies and experts of resolution 1540 (2004) issues, in particular implementation requirements; to assist in the identification of country specific needs to fully implement the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004); and to facilitate cooperative assistance projects to address the needs identified. These objectives closely reflect those of the 1540 Committee and serve to highlight the synergies and benefits to be gained from collaboration with assistance providers in the Committee's role of promoting understanding and implementation by States of the requirements of the resolution.

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### 3. **Highlights**

The seminar focused on resolution 1540 (2004) and its requirements. Presentations by the 1540 Committee's expert stressed the importance of the resolution in creating a barrier to the dangerous nexus between WMD and non-State actors, in particular terrorists. The presentations highlighted the role of the 1540 Committee in facilitating assistance in the implementation of requirement of resolution 1540 (2004). The 1540 matrix was identified as the primary tool with which the Committee examines national reports and additional information submitted by Member States. The Uzbek matrix was presented acknowledging the significant progress made by the Republic of Uzbekistan and encouraging to address the gaps in legislative and enforcement measures as identified by the Committee.

Representatives from participating Member States and independent organizations also presented their respective initiatives and tools that can assist States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004).

Due to the country specific nature of the discussions, the seminar provided an ideal opportunity for assistance providers to obtain information on the current status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by the Republic of Uzbekistan and identify any existing requirements. A number of priority areas have been identified.

### 4. **Additional comments**

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