

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

- Event:** The trilateral meeting for a peer review between Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on resolution 1540 (2004) implementation.
- Organisers:** Tajikistan, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNODA/UNRCPD) in collaboration with the Conflict Prevention Centre of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).
- Date and venue:** Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 2- 4 August 2017
- Participants:** *States:* Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan  
*Organisations:* UNODA/UNRCPD, OSCE, 1540 Committee Group of Experts  
*Others:* Export Control and Border Security Programme (EXBS), U.S. State Department

### Background

- The Committee's 14th Programme of Work (S/2016/86) called for the encouragement of States to share effective practices and to develop National Implementation Action Plans (NAPs) (Paragraphs 8 (e) and (f)). An effective way of doing this was demonstrated by the peer review event conducted by Croatia and Poland in 2013. Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have requested assistance in order to conduct such an event to enhance their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- The initial launch meeting for the peer-review took place on 16-17 December 2014, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The initial meeting focussed on the status of implementation of the UNSCR 1540 in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, as well as on planning and organization of a peer-review process between the two countries including initial consideration of its possible stages/segments (preparatory meetings, exchange of visits between two countries, final evaluation).
- The first trilateral meeting for a peer-review between Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on UNSCR 1540 implementation took place in Minsk, Belarus on 1 to 5 August 2016. The focus of the peer review discussions was on: exchange of experience in implementation of resolution 1540, in line with the voluntary 1540 National Implementation Action Plans, strategies; normative, legislative and regulatory measures related to non-proliferation; Practical exchange of experience in the area of export control, biosecurity and border controls in line with resolution 1540 (2004). The aim of the trilateral peer review was to develop practical recommendations and draft documents on normative, legislative and practical and technical elements of resolution 1540, in support of the National Implementation Action Plans of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.
- On 12 July 2017 Aleksander Micic, Officer-in-Charge, UNODA/UNRCPD sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting a 1540 Committee Expert to take part in the trilateral peer-review between Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, to be held in Dushanbe on 2-4 August 2017 as a follow-up to the previous trilateral peer-review meeting.

### Overview

This peer review meeting served as a follow-up to the previous round of the peer review held in August 2016 in Minsk, Belarus. The three-day discussion was based on the

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recommendations of the Minsk round, agreed in August 2016, and further focused on the national approaches to the implementation of the related operative paragraphs of UNSCR 1540, including policy making, legislative framework development, enforcement procedures and effective practices as set out in the 1540 National Implementation Action Plans (NAP) of the three States.

The delegations extensively discussed in detail export control issues, such as national control lists, licensing system; relevant border control measures, and identification of dual use goods. Furthermore, they paid serious attention to chemical and biological security issues, including exchange of experience and legal documents, which could help improve national legislation and regulatory frameworks of the participating States. The legislative framework on chemical safety and security and current implementation challenges, including in conjunction with development of a common policy within the Eurasian Union, were fully discussed. Also a Report and Recommendations of the Peer Review were prepared and agreed on by the national delegations. The peer review format has proved to be an effective practical tool for enhancing implementation of the resolution 1540 at the national and regional level. The States' experts outlined a number of issues, which require a further co-operative approach in a trilateral format.

**Additional Comments**

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