

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

- Event:** Expert meeting on Bosnia and Herzegovina's Voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP)
- Organizer:** United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) / The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- Venue and Date:** Vienna, Austria, 3-4 April 2013
- Participants:** Bosnia and Herzegovina, OSCE, UNODA, 1540 Committee experts

### 1. Objectives of the meeting

To exchange information on the current status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), and to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina with the drafting of their voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) related to resolution 1540 (2004).

### 2. Background

In accordance with Operative Paragraph 8 of Security Council Resolution 1977 (2011), all States were encouraged to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate, which maps out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004). States were also encouraged to submit those plans to the 1540 Committee. The development of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan is a tool to assist States to plan their future activities in implementing the resolution. On the website of the 1540 Committee, (<http://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/national-implementation/national-action-plans.shtml>), such plans for Argentina, Canada, France, Serbia and the United States of America have been published. A number of other States are in the process of drafting such plans.

On 6 March 2013, the 1540 Committee received an invitation from the OSCE to participate, in collaboration with the UNODA, in an expert meeting with the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina to assist with the development of their voluntary National Implementation Action Plan. From 3-4 April 2013, such a meeting took place in Vienna, Austria, in which representatives from the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the OSCE, UNODA and two of the 1540 Committee experts participated.

### 3. Highlights of discussions

At the meeting information was exchanged on the current status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), as well as progress made by Bosnia and Herzegovina on the implementation of the resolution. Views were exchanged on the elements of a draft NAP for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and an outline of such a NAP was completed for further consideration and elaboration by the various national stakeholders of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### 4. Additional comments

For further information, please contact the 1540 Committee experts by e-mail at [1540experts@un.org](mailto:1540experts@un.org).

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