

Information Note¹

- Event:** Drafting Meeting on the 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NAP) of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro
- Organizer:** Conflict Prevention Centre of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the Governments of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro
- Venue and Date:** Vienna, Austria, 14-18 October 2013
- Participants:** The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, UNODA, OSCE, UNICRI, VERTIC and 1540 Committee expert

1. Objectives of the meeting

To exchange information on the current status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), and to assist The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro with the drafting of their voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NAP) related to resolution 1540 (2004).

2. Background

In accordance with Operative Paragraph 8 of Security Council Resolution 1977 (2011), all States are 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 are 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>), the plans of Argentina, Belarus, Canada, France, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia and the United States of America have been published. A number of other States are in the process of drafting such plans.

On 29 August 2013, the 1540 Committee received an invitation from the OSCE to participate in meetings with the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro to assist with the development of their voluntary National Implementation Action Plans.

From 14-18 October 2013, these meetings took place in Vienna, Austria, in which government representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro, UNODA, OSCE, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) and a 1540 Committee expert participated in.

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3. **Highlights of discussions**

At these meetings, information was exchanged on the current status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), as well as progress made by these States on the implementation of the resolution. Views were exchanged on the content and elements of their respective draft NAPs, for further consideration and elaboration by the various national stakeholders.

4. **Additional comments**

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