

Information Note¹

Event:	Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
Organizers:	OSCE
Date and Location:	10 December 2008; Vienna, Austria
Participants:	<i>States:</i> Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States, Ukraine, Uzbekistan <i>International Organizations:</i> International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), 1540 Committee Chairman and expert

1. **Objectives**

- raise awareness of the objectives of resolution 1810 (2008), with an emphasis on implementation planning, experience sharing and technical assistance
- identify specific interests and programs of the OSCE and its members regarding implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)

2. **Background**

The FSC/OSCE is undertaking initiatives in support of resolution 1540 (2004). In FSC/OSCE Decision 7/05 (corrected versions November 2005) and Decision 6/06 (September 2006), the OSCE expressed its support for resolution 1540. As early as 2005, representatives of the OSCE Secretariat expressed an interest in cooperation with the 1540 Committee and their representatives participated in several UNODA and UNODC activities related to resolution 1540 (2004). In 2007, the FSC/OSCE also undertook an initiative to develop a Handbook on Best Practices for implementing resolution 1540 (2004).

3. **Highlights**

The 1540 Committee representatives presented the 2008 report of the 1540 Committee, the requirements of resolution 1810 (2008) and outlined the status of implementation by OSCE members of these requirements.

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In addition, the meeting provided an opportunity for bilateral dialogues between the 1540 Committee representatives and other participants to discuss States' matrices, technical assistance requests, and cooperation with international organizations.

The meeting concluded with suggestions, including:

- creating methods for OSCE to verify implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) among its members;
- establishing more strict export controls on WMD-related items, especially for producers and suppliers;
- institutionalizing OSCE data collection and regional data exchanges;
- completing the best practices handbook, developing additional regional best practices, and providing assistance for implementing these practices;
- seeking cooperation with related institutions in Vienna, particularly the IAEA;
- working with the 1540 Committee to build models of action plans.

4. Additional comments

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