

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

<b>Event</b>	Workshop on the Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540 (2004)
<b>Date and Venue</b>	15-17 January 2013, Minsk, Belarus
<b>Organizers</b>	Conflict Prevention Centre of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Government of Belarus, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Secretariat, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
<b>Participants</b>	<b>States:</b> Host country, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan <b>Other:</b> Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS), European Commission, EU CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative, Lithuanian Customs Department, Poland Border Service

### 1. Objectives for participation

The main purpose for participation of an expert in this workshop was to deliver a presentation on the requirements of resolution 1540 and to provide assistance to CIS officials in their work on implementation of the resolution, including identification of specific forms of technical assistance that may be needed in this regard. Other objectives were:

- to exchange views on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 in CIS states for better understanding the existing challenges and problems in this area, including gaps in implementation;
- to continue providing necessary information and expertise to enhance CIS officials and experts work on the legislative base to meet the requirements of the resolution;
- to collect information for updating the matrices of some CIS states;
- to study the opportunity and perspectives for developing voluntary National Action Plans (NAPs) by some CIS countries for the implementation of the resolution.

### 2. Background

The OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre invited the 1540 Committee and its experts to participate in the workshop aimed at exchanging national experiences and effective practices in the area of practical implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The workshop brought together the representatives from the CIS and international and regional institutions and bodies dealing with the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In this regard, the workshop was aimed at promoting capacity building

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for implementation of specific provisions of the resolution at the national and, where appropriate, regional levels as well as explore some concrete achievements and gaps in the implementation process.

The workshop agenda was based on the proposals submitted by the CIS Member States to the Executive Secretariat of the CIS, and is as follows:

- Existing practices in national and regional implementation of the resolution;
- Existing export control procedures within the context of implementation of resolution 1540;
- Existing mechanisms of border radiation control and inter-state coordination in this field;
- Effective physical protection, accounting and control measures of weapons of mass destruction and related materials;
- Possible approaches to strengthening co-operative efforts:
  - technical support and assistance programs in the context of the resolution;
  - development of regional interaction to prevent proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological materials, which could be used for development of WMD.

### **3. Highlights**

During the workshop the participants were involved into a series of interactive discussions aimed at experience-sharing, exchange of deliberations and good practices and question and answer sessions. Agencies from the participating Member States had a good opportunity to get first hand information on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 in neighbouring CIS countries, on existing achievements and gaps in this regard, on the activities of the 1540 Committee and international bodies assisting in implementation of the resolution. The workshop has helped to identify some specific needs and forms of possible assistance requests, for example in the area of border controls and establishing radiation monitors. The workshop contributed to strengthening cooperation between the CIS as organization and its Member States on the one side and the 1540 Committee on the other.

It is noteworthy that the participants of the workshop were able to develop a set of unofficial recommendations for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) they agreed to follow. (Attachment 1). These recommendations have created a solid basis for raising the status of implementation of the resolution by the CIS and its Member States to a new higher stage.

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