

Information Note¹

Events:	National round table on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)
Organizers:	Government of Trinidad and Tobago, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) / Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLiREC)
Date and venue:	13-14 October 2014, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
Participants:	Government of Trinidad and Tobago: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of National Security, Ministry of Science and Technology, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Financial Intelligence Unit, Fire Service, Organised Crime, Narcotics and Firearms Bureau, Office of the Prime Minister Port Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation (PLIPDECO) International Organizations: 1540 Committee Experts UNLiREC CARICOM

1. Objectives

Discuss and analyse with participants the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by Trinidad and Tobago (including the measures identified in the 1540 Matrix) and exchange views on how to address any gaps identified.

Support UNLiREC's efforts related to its assistance package aimed at strengthening the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Caribbean States.

2. Background

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, through its (UNLiREC), organized a national roundtable on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) from 13-14 October in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

This activity took place in the context of Phase 1 of UNLiREC's Assistance Package on strengthening the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Caribbean States.

This was the second roundtable in the region. The first took place in Grenada from 10-12 June 2014.

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In April 2013, the Committee undertook a visit to Trinidad and Tobago at the invitation of its Government. During the course of the visit, national stakeholders identified implementation achievements, gaps and challenges to be addressed. They also discussed possible next steps in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

3. Overview

The roundtable included presentations by UNLiREC, CARICOM and a 1540 Committee expert, as well as interactive sessions with representatives of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

The 1540 expert made a presentation on the background as well as the continuing relevance of resolution 1540 (2004), its obligations and follow-up resolutions. He also mentioned the assistance matchmaking role of the Committee, as well as elements that Governments might consider for the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans.

The representative of UNLiREC made a detailed presentation highlighting the findings of the legal study carried out by the centre and a series of measures for the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to consider.

During the meeting, participants identified some future steps that could be taken by Trinidad and Tobago to enhance implementation.

4. Additional Comments

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