

# Information Note<sup>1</sup>

<b>Event:</b>	<b>G8 Nonproliferation Directors' Group Meeting</b>
<b>Organizers:</b>	Canada, as 2010 President of the G8
<b>Date and Venue:</b>	21 October 2010, Vancouver, BC, Canada
<b>Participants:</b>	Senior nonproliferation management from the G8 members and observers, plus invited speakers participated (including Ambassador Heller).

## 1. Objectives

- Exchanging information on the status, scope and direction of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and on assistance programs of G8 members
- Increasing engagement between the 1540 Committee and the G8 Nonproliferation Directors' Group (and their 1540 Experts)

## 2. Background

Since 2004, the G8 annually has organized demarches to non-reporting states calling on them to submit a report to the 1540 Committee. It also has promoted implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in its documents, declarations and communiqués. Resolution 1810 (2008), however, called on the 1540 Committee to engage international bodies more actively, which prompted a marked increase in such efforts, including cooperation with the G8.

Building on several earlier exchanges, Canada, in its role of G8 President, proposed a meeting with the 1540 Committee experts that took place on 4 May 2010. Canada and the experts discussed engagement with the G8 and a possible meeting between the 2010 NPDG Chairman and the Chairman of the 1540 Committee, which took place on 10 May 2010. Informally, the 1540 Committee experts provided representatives of the NPDG Chairman with the formal requests for assistance received by the 1540 Committee through June 2010.

In June 2010, the G8 Muskoka Communiqué specifically identified implementing resolution 1540 (2004) as one of the four pillars of G8 nonproliferation efforts. Subsequently, Canada invited the 1540 Committee Chairman to address the NPDG and a 1540 Committee expert to make presentations at the GPGW and the 1540 Committee experts meetings.

## 3. Highlights

The Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to UNSC resolution 1540 (2004) made a presentation on the status of implementation and next steps related to the resolution.

In response to the presentation, the G8 NPDG offered to share the results of its next demarche with the Committee. They believe that they can support the entire mandate of the Committee. Many members of

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the group will send the Committee their analysis of what programs they have in place or on offer related to the assistance requests the Committee has shared as part of the formal package it will send to the Committee. The NPDG discussed several other topics related to the 1540 Committee.

The next meeting of the NPDG will take place in Paris under the Presidency of France. All members seemed to agree that resolution 1540 (2004) should be high on their national and G8 agendas.

4. **Additional Comments**

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