



**REGIONAL WORKSHOP
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**
May 9 and 10, 2013, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

The Regional Workshop on the implementation of the Resolution 1540 (2004) was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia in cooperation and support of the Conflict Prevention Center of the OSCE Secretariat and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs.

The Regional Workshop, as a first on the issue of Resolution 1540 in the region, took place in Belgrade on 9 and 10 May 2013. The Workshop brought together the representatives of all the states from South and Eastern Europe region. The representatives and experts from a number of international organizations also attended the Workshop (Agenda and List of the participants are attached – Annex 1).

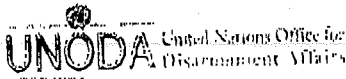
The main objective of this Workshop was to foster exchange of the views, experience and interaction among participants regarding the further improvement of national effective measures, means and practices, including the promotion of capacity building in the area of the implementation of the Resolution 1540.

All the participating States presented their results on the implementation of the Resolution 1540. Their presentations were very comprehensive, informative and focused on the issues on which they are currently engaged. It has been confirmed that all the states from the region are in the very advanced phase of the fulfillment of their obligations under the Resolution. At the same time, they confirmed their commitment to work on the further strengthening of their capacities to prevent the proliferation of WMD to non-state actors. In that context, they announced readiness to adopt their respective national action plans or other documents in that area.

Participants of the Workshop adopted Informal recommendations (attached – Annex 2).

At the 717th Meeting of Forum for Security Co-operation OSCE, held in Vienna, 15 May 2013 H.E. Ambassador KIM Sook, Chair of the UNSC Committee 1540, made presentation on strengthening further implementation of UNSCR 1540 and the role of regional organizations in that field.

At this Meeting the information of the work of this Workshop as well as Informal recommendations were presented by Ambassador Branka Latinovic from the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia.



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AGENDA

Thursday, 9 May 2013

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 10:00 Opening Session

- Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Co-ordinator of the Forum for Security Co-operation on Non-proliferation/ Representative of the OSCE Chairmanship, UNDP Resident Coordinator, Representatives of UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), OSCE Secretariat, and 1540 Committee's Group of Experts

10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break

10:20 - 13:30 Effective practices in the implementation of resolution 1540 and voluntary national implementation action plans

- Presentation from the 1540 Expert (20 minutes)
- Presentations from representatives of the countries of the region (20 min, each)
- Presentations from OSCE, UNODA, UNDP and US 1540 Coordinator (15 min, each)
- Discussion: sharing experiences and lessons learned

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 Capacity-building: technical assistance and assistance programs in a framework of resolution 1540: programs available to assist States, upon request, technical assistance related to the implementation of resolution 1540

- Presentations by the 1540 Committee Expert, OPCW, UNICRI (EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence project, an initiative of the European Union), BAFA (EU co-operation programme on export control of dual-use goods), Regional EXBS Advisor for Serbia and BiH (20 min, each)

- Discussion: sharing experiences and lessons learned

16:00 - 16:20 Coffee Break

16:20 - 17:30 Biosecurity: preventing BW proliferation to non-State actors and promoting biosafety and security

- Presentations from BWC-ISU (video-message), WHO Regional Office, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus (20 min, each)

- Discussion: sharing experiences and lessons learned

Friday, May 10, 2013

09:00 - 11:00 Cooperative Implementation and Capacity-building: Development of regional cooperation to prevent WMD proliferation; format of interaction and collaboration at the national, regional, and international levels

- Presentations from representatives of the countries of the region (20 min, each)

11:00 - 11:30 Discussion and preparation of possible informal recommendations from the workshop

11:30 - 12:00 Closing Session



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The Informal Recommendations

1. Express support of the existing objectives and practices of the implementation of UNSC resolution 1540 (2004), on national, regional and international levels.
2. Recognize the usefulness and readiness of the interested SEE States for the elaboration and implementation, on a voluntary basis, of national action plans for the implementation of the Resolution.
3. Express the readiness to further improve cooperation with the UNSC Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) in implementing the UNSC resolution 1540 (2004) as well as with the other international and regional organizations, such as the UN, OSCE, EU.
4. Continue to inform the 1540 Committee on steps taken in the implementation of resolution 1540, as well as on planned measures, as it is foreseen by the provisions of the Resolution.
5. Consider a possible regional mechanism to further broaden the cooperation among the States in the region with the support of the 1540 Committee, the UN, OSCE and other international and regional organizations.
6. Explore the possibility to establish a regional expert network group on dual-use goods identification in order to provide the efficient expert support for the licensing authority / first line responders, in line with the EU control list.
7. Build national capacities and future development of measures in the field of nuclear, chemical and biological security, including through strengthening of regional cooperation among experts of SEE States in order to achieve universality of the relevant non-proliferation instruments.
8. Intend to further render assistance to neighbours on improvement of legal and enforcement frameworks in the sphere of implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004), taking into account the requests for assistance of interested SEE States, particularly to the 1540 Committee in its role of the clearing house.

9. Plan to coordinate the national activities under UNSCR 1540, including activities envisioned in the National Implementation Action Plans, and the activities of the EU Centres of Excellence CBRN Risk Mitigation Initiative at the national, regional and international levels.
10. Continue co-operation with the view of strengthening and improving of networking, in search of cooperation and collaboration among the SEE States in the areas of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including maximising the use of existing international/regional resources.