

## Information note<sup>1</sup>

<b>Event:</b>	Training workshop organized by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the OSCE Border Management Staff College for officials dealing with border-related and customs matters on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)
<b>Date and Location:</b>	3-6 April 2012, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
<b>Organizers or Sponsors:</b>	OSCE and UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
<b>Participants:</b>	<i>States:</i> Austria, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Thailand, Tajikistan <i>International Organizations:</i> OSCE, IAEA, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs – Vienna (UNODA); World Health Organization (WHO); 1540 Committee expert <i>Others:</i> BAFA, CITS

### Objectives

The main purpose for participation of a 1540 Committee expert in this training is to deliver a presentation on the implementation of resolution 1540 with a focus on its requirements and issues of assistance. The task was also to facilitate assistance to officials in their work on implementation of the resolution. Other objectives are:

- to exchange views on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 in State participants of the workshop for better understanding the existing challenges and problems in this area, including gaps in implementation;
- to continue providing necessary information and expertise to enhance the work of officials and experts on implementation of the resolution;
- to participate in syndicate exercises aimed at enhancing participants' capability to fight smuggling of WMD related materials;
- to study the opportunity for possible development of voluntary national action plans for implementation of resolution 1540.

### Background

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The OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre together with the OSCE Border Management Staff College invited a 1540 Committee expert to participate in a training workshop for mid to high ranking officials from 12 States, mainly from the regions of Central Asia and the Balkans, on implementation of resolution 1540. The training brought together the representatives mainly from ministries of defense, interior, foreign affairs, customs, and border guards. The 1540 implementation training proved to be the first comprehensive exercise encompassing all relevant aspects of resolution 1540 (2004). In this regard, it provided an overview of the requirements of the resolution as well as explored some concrete elements of the implementation process. This outreach event was a specific activity to assist member States in their implementation of resolution 1540(2004). Such meetings are in line with UNSC resolution 1977 (2011) and the Tenth Program of Work of the 1540 Committee, which reinforce the recommendation of the final document of the Comprehensive Review of the Status of Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004).

### **Highlights**

During this meeting the officials from all relevant agencies of 12 States had an opportunity to enhance their knowledge on the different aspects of the resolution and participate in practical exercises aimed at improving their skills to fight smuggling including detection of WMD related materials.

Syndicate exercises “Think like a smuggler” were organized for the participants of the training workshop. Split into four working groups they were tasked to develop several scenarios how to deliver a container with poisonous content onto the territory of imaginary African state through the trans-shipment port of a neighbor country. It was noted that these scenarios proposed for smuggling in Africa could be identical to those in Central Asia because both regions share some common challenges, particularly in having long stretched land borders with limited resources. Syndicate exercises contribute to upgrading of professional knowledge and skills of the participants.

The training course demonstrated the usefulness of combining lectures and presentations with interactive discussions among the trainees. Topics varied from export controls to non-proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological materials. The course provided an overview of the implementation as well as the key aspects of the resolution. Participants got a good chance to exchange ideas and share experiences in the process of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The training workshop also facilitated the dialogue among the representatives of different ministries and agencies of states-participants.

### **Additional Comments**

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