
**‘Effective Practices of the Implementation of UNSCR 1540:
Information Exchange and Lessons Learned’
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Venue RACVIAC

Background

- Resolution 1540 (2004) stipulates that all States shall refrain from providing any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery. Its central aim is to promote non-proliferation of WMD attitudes from all parties involved, both nationally and transnationally. Resolutions 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016) encourage States to prepare on a voluntary basis National Implementation Action Plans (1540 NAPs), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate, mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of Resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit these plans to the Committee.
- The 1540 Committee through its Group of Experts has been working to support many countries in the South-Eastern European region in their implementation of key provisions of Resolution 1540 (2004) and in the development of 1540 NAPs, including in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro and Republic of Serbia. In October 2015 the 1540 Experts also visited Moldova to carry out a mission together with the OSCE with a view of developing a NAP.
- In identifying effective national practices, future priorities, and assistance requirements in the implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004), the NAPs promote cooperative national attitudes towards the adoption of the Resolution's practices and relevant tasks. The goal is to convey the benefits of a united stance on non-proliferation for all nations.

The Workshop will be organized and held in RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, with the support and expertise of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). 1540 Committee Experts will be invited as key speakers on the topic of 1540 NAPs. The Workshop's aims are to discuss the state of play of the existing NAPs in the region and share national experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of these NAPs as well as ways to realize the goals set in NAPs. The Workshop will also discuss, in general, the key elements of a voluntary 1540 NAP, provide a forum to inform about the main obligations of Resolution 1540 (2004) and the key elements of the Resolution 2325 (2016) as well as assistance mechanisms related to Resolution 1540 (2004 and NAPs).

The Workshop will aim to bring together technical experts and officials from Member States, directly engaged in the implementation of the Resolution 1540 (2004), national 1540 NAPs, as well as the representatives of relevant international and regional organisations that could assist in the implementation of certain 1540 obligations.

Purpose and Objectives

- Discuss implementation mechanisms and state of play of existing NAPs in the region and the related next steps;
- Discuss the key elements of an effective NAP;
- Invite Member States to share experience and lessons learned in the development and adoption of NAPs;
- Exploit regionally coordinated approaches in the implementation of goals set in existing NAPs;
- Raise awareness of available regional activities related to developing NAPs;
- Identify possible assistance needs (both national and regional);
- Discuss the way ahead (i.e. follow-up meetings, workshops...).

Participation Around 30 participants are anticipated to attend the Workshop. On the part of RACVIAC three participants will be invited from each of the following countries, all dealing with 1540 implementation issues in their respective countries or national technical experts involved in the implementation of goals set in NAPs: Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro and Republic of Serbia, and one from the Hellenic Republic, Romania and Republic of Turkey (each). In addition, attendees from invited Associate Members, Observers and participants may participate in the activity.

The Workshop will be organised immediately after the C-WMD Network's eighth meeting, so some participants may be expected to attend both events. Representatives from USEUCOM, International Counter proliferation Program (ICP) and the Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), who are organising the C-WMD Network's eighth meeting, will also be invited.

UN Member States (apart from the countries mentioned above): Moldova and Ukraine.

International and Regional Organizations and entities: 1540 Committee Experts, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), World Customs Organization (WCO), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

Methodology The event will take place in the form of a Workshop. It will last two working days. The Workshop will provide an opportunity for national officials and representatives of intergovernmental organizations to discuss and share practices in the Resolution 1540 implementation. A link containing all necessary materials and updates on the Workshop will be provided to all participants during the event. The Workshop language will be English.

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* Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.