Seminar on Effective Practices of the Implementation of UNSCR 1540

19-20 Sept 2013

Rakitje, Croatia.

In cooperation with

the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and
the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Dates
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Venue
RACVIAC, Rakitje, Croatia

Background
The proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, including to non-State actors, remains a threat to international peace and security. The international community recognized these emerging dangers and the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1540 in April 2004. It called for specific measures to prohibit any non-State actor from manufacturing, acquiring, possessing, developing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery. Through Resolution 1540, the Security Council established an effective global framework to prevent non-State actors, including terrorists, from acquiring and using weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. Resolution 1977 (2011) requests the Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540 (2004), which is tasked to report to the Security Council on the implementation of the Resolution, to identify effective practices, templates and guidance, with a view to developing a compilation, as well as to considering preparing a technical reference guide on Resolution 1540, to be used by States on a voluntary basis in implementing the Resolution.

The implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004) has received special attention in the region of South Eastern Europe (SEE). There have been efforts made by the States in the region, including through the adoption of national laws and regulations, aimed at the preparation and submission to the 1540 Committee of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (NIAP), while Croatia and Poland are currently conducting the first peer review on the implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004).

Thus, RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, is organizing a seminar aimed at facilitating the identification of effective national practices in the implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004), as well as promoting the 1540 implementation amongst its Members and assisting the 1540 Committee in its relevant tasks.

Purpose & Objectives
The purpose of the seminar, co-organized by the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and RACVIAC in cooperation with the UNODA, is to facilitate the identification of effective national practices in the implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004).

The objectives of the seminar are to present to the participating Member countries and representatives of the 1540 Committee and international organizations national practices in the implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004).

Participants
Some 40 participants are expected. RACVIAC member countries will be invited. Participants from the UN Member States that can present relevant 1540 implementation practices, such as Belarus, Croatia, France, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mexico, Serbia, United States of America and others (TBD) as well as representatives of relevant international organizations (1540 Committee, IAEA, OPCW, BWC-ISU, WHO, OSCE) are expected to attend.

Methodology
The event will take place in the form of a seminar. It will last two working days. The seminar will provide an opportunity for national officials, representatives of intergovernmental organizations, to discuss and share practices of the implementation of the Resolution. All seminar materials will be distributed on a CD at the end of the event. The working language will be English.

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