
Project:	Workshops On Implementing UNSCRs 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006) and 1810 (2008)
Disarmament Focus:	Weapons of Mass Destruction
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Proposed Project Timeframe:	2009
Geographical Focus	Worldwide: Africa, Arab States, Central American States, Pacific Islands States, Southeast Asian States

BACKGROUND

In its resolution 1810 (2008) adopted on 25 April 2008, the Security Council requested the 1540 Committee to continue to organize and participate in outreach events at the regional, sub-regional and, as appropriate, national level promoting States' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

It further requested the 1540 Committee to provide opportunities for interaction with interested states and relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations to promote implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

The regional and sub-regional seminars and workshops organized by ODA in 2006-2008 on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) are one of the main categories of outreach activities of the 1540 Committee.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the workshops planned by ODA in 2009 is to promote capacity-building on national and regional levels to advance full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

CONTENT AND DESIGN

Resolution 1540 (2004) requires that all states take and enforce, inter alia, effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials. It requires, in particular, that they shall develop and maintain effective border controls and law enforcement efforts to detect, deter, prevent and combat, including through international cooperation when necessary, the illicit trafficking of such items in accordance with their national legal authorities and legislation and consistent with international law.

The workshops aim at enhancing the national capacity for managing border and export control processes to further implementation efforts of resolution 1540 (2004) at a

practical level. The workshops are specifically tailored for border, customs and regulatory officials and comprises the main elements of an export control process, including, *inter alia*, applicable laws (including national and international legal aspects), regulatory controls (including licensing provisions, end-user verification and awareness raising programmes) and enforcement (including commodity identification, risk assessment and detection methods). The workshops are also aimed at improving interplay, information and experience-sharing between national and regional export control and enforcement authorities and enhancing cooperation between regulatory and enforcement officials and industry. Further, the workshops are expected to assist the development, as appropriate, of assistance requests related to the implementation of resolutions 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006) and 1810 (2008). The workshops will serve as a platform to enhance, as appropriate, cooperation with intergovernmental regional and sub-regional organizations in the provision of such assistance.

Key topics for the workshops are:

- National, regional and international non-proliferation efforts with regard to weapons of mass destruction
- Effective border and export control processes
- Risk assessment and management
- Available detection and examination techniques and capabilities
- Engaging industry as a partner
- Technical assistance under resolution 1540 (2004)

IMPACT

- Enhanced understanding by participants of national, regional and international efforts to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;
- Understanding of current implementation and enforcement measures and increased steps taken or planned to be taken toward full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);
- Enhanced risk assessment, detection and examination techniques;
- Improved interplay and information sharing between national and regional export control and enforcement authorities;
- Enhanced understanding of cargo movements and methods that are employed to circumvent export control processes;
- Enhanced understanding of the dual-use nature of certain commodities and improved capability to identify materials related to weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;
- Enhanced cooperation between regulatory and enforcement officials and industry;

- Workshop output:
 - prospective national action plans;
 - prospective technical assistance requests for future follow up on more specific areas in the workshop and as appropriate, enhanced cooperation with intergovernmental organizations and sub-regional organizations in the provision of such assistance,
 - and report of workshop proceedings

BENEFICIARIES

Member States
 Government officials
 Non-government representatives and industry

PARTNERS

Participating governments from respective regions and sub-regions
 1540 Committee and 1540 Committee experts
 Donor governments
 Relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations

BUDGET ITEMS	AMOUNT IN US\$
• Workshops operations and implementation costs	1,080,767
TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED	1,080.767