

Information Note¹

- Event:** 1540 Committee visit to El Salvador to support the development of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP)
- Organisers:** El Salvador and the 1540 Committee supported by Canada
- Date and venue:** 20-21 March 2017, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- Participants:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Customs Directorate General (Ministry of Finance).

1540 Group of Experts

Background

- Resolutions 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016) encourage States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, 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 their Group of Experts has been supporting Latin American and Caribbean States in their implementation of key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004) and in the development of voluntary NAPs, including in Colombia, Mexico and Panama. In November 2016, 1540 Experts visited Peru and Guatemala to carry out missions with a view the development of NAPs.

Highlights

The welcoming remarks were delivered by Colonel Salvador Contreras Dheming, Director of Defence Policy of the Ministry of Defence. The delegation of El Salvador (Ministry of Defence) made two presentations, one on El Salvador's legal framework for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and the second on national capabilities for the development of a 1540 NAP.

The 1540 Experts made presentations on:

- The context in which resolution 1540 (2004) was adopted and current challenges in the non-proliferation field
- The obligations contained in resolution 1540 (2004)
- The 1540 matrix for El Salvador
- Indicative elements for an NAP

The presentations were followed by in-depth discussions on the legal framework for the implementation of 1540 obligations. Subsequently, the Salvadorian authorities identified a series of actions to be included in a voluntary NAP and prepared a draft.

Additional comments

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