

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

- 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:** 6-7 November 2017, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- Participants:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Ministry of Health (Radiation Regulatory and Advisory Unit), Ministry of Finance (Customs General Directorate), State Intelligence Organization, National Police, INTERPOL (El Salvador), Civil Protection Prevention and Disaster Mitigation General Directorate, Firemen Corps, National Centre of Scientific Research, El Salvador University.
- 1540 Group of Experts, Organization of American States/Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS/CICTE)

### Background

- Resolutions 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016) encourage States to prepare on a voluntary basis National Implementation Action Plans (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 working to support Latin American and Caribbean States in their implementation of key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004) and in the development of NAPs, including in Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay. The activities in Guatemala, Guyana, Peru and Suriname have had the financial support of the Government of Canada.
- From 20-21 March, the Group of Experts participated in a first roundtable with the Government of El Salvador to start developing a voluntary NAP. During that meeting, presentations were made by the Salvadorian stakeholders and the 1540 Experts. The presentations were followed by in-depth discussion on the legal framework and its possible gaps with regard to full implementation of 1540 obligations.
- During the meeting the Salvadorian authorities identified a series of actions to be included in a voluntary NAP and developed a first draft.

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## **Highlights**

The 1540 experts worked with the Salvadorian authorities on an agenda that included the following items:

- Introduction and general provisions of resolution 1540
- 1540 approved matrix of El Salvador
- Follow-up of the draft NAP
- Guidelines for the implementation of the NAP
- Review of the final draft

The welcoming remarks were delivered by the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Integration and Economic Promotion, H.E. Carlos Castañeda, and by the Director of Defence Policy of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Carlos Alberto Ramírez.

The 1540 Expert made a presentation on resolution 1540 (2004), the context in which the resolution was adopted, the obligations derived thereof and on the current challenges in the framework of non-proliferation. This presentation was followed by another one on 1540 matrix for El Salvador

The Salvadorian participants made also a series of presentations on how their respective mandates address some of the obligations derived from resolution 1540 (2004), including by the Ministries of Defence, Environment and Natural Resources, Economy, the Customs General Directorate, the National Centre for Scientific Research and the Radiation Regulatory and Advisory Unit.

Subsequently, the Salvadorian stakeholders made the appropriate adjustments to the draft National Action Plan developed during the first visit in March.

## **Additional comments**

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