

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

- Event:** Visit to Senegal, at the request of its Government, to assist with the drafting of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan
- Organizer:** Government of Senegal in cooperation with the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)
- Date and venue:** 18-19 June 2015, Dakar, Senegal
- Participants:** Government of Senegal, 1540 Committee Experts, UNREC

### 1. Objectives for the participation of 1540 Committee Experts

The objectives of the participation of the 1540 Committee Experts in the meeting included supporting Senegal's drafting of its voluntary National Implementation Action Plan, raising awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) among relevant national stakeholders, analysing the implementation of the resolution in Senegal, and to facilitate a gap analysis and follow-up on its assistance requests.

### 2. Background

Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation. Also, the resolution encourages all States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation action plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts have interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans, including Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Niger.

Through a *Note Verbale* from the Ministry of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Senegal, to the Chair of the Committee, dated 23 April 2015, a formal request was made to the Committee to assist Senegal to develop a NAP. On behalf of the Committee the Chair responded positively in a letter, dated 12 May 2015, to this request.

### 3. Highlights and discussions

The meeting was moderated by the Ministry of the Armed Forces and UNREC, whilst the 1540 Committee Experts acted as facilitators of the discussions and the drafting of the NAP.

Besides drafting a NAP, the objectives of the workshop included informing the national stakeholders of the 1540 obligations, conducting a dialogue on the implementation of

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resolution 1540 (2004) that included an analysis of Senegal's 1540 matrix, and, where possible, updating the information in this matrix and discussing follow-up to the 1540 assistance offered to Senegal.

National governmental stakeholders included the Ministry of Armed Forces, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Senegalese Citizen, Office of President, Office of Prime Minister, National Assembly, Ministry of Home Affairs and Public Security, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, Ministry of Health and Social Actions, Ministry of Fishing and Maritime Economy, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Industry and Mining, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, National Army, Financial Intelligence Unit, National Gendarmerie, General Directorate of Customs, National Authority for Radiological Protection and Nuclear Safety. Other participants included the Sheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA), International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International and MALAO (Movement Against Light Weapons in West Africa).

The Director of Cabinet of Armed forces, Mr. Demba Diouf, made an opening statement in which he emphasized that Senegal does not have and does not produce weapons of mass destruction. He also referred to Senegal's adherence to international Conventions to fight against the proliferation of these weapons (NPT, CWC and BTWC). He referred to the NAP as a crucial element in national implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) that is indicative of Senegal's commitment to its full implementation.

The UNREC representative outlined its role in supporting 1540 related outreach events in Africa, while the 1540 Committee Experts expressed their appreciation for the invitation of the Government of Senegal and stressed the importance of integrating the implementation of resolution 1540 into the African security agenda with the support of stakeholders (governmental, parliamentarians, industry, academics and civil society).

The 1540 Committee Experts made the following presentations:

- Briefing on 1540 obligations
- Analysis of the 1540 matrix of Senegal
- Overview of 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plans

An in-depth analysis was undertaken of Senegal's 1540 matrix which informed the identification of actions Senegal wish to consider in the next five years to enhance its implementation of the resolution.

The draft NAP identifies a number of actions to be undertaken until 2020 in terms of identified priority areas in operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7 of resolution 1540 (2004).

#### 4. **Additional Comments**

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