

Information Note¹

Event:

- 1540 Committee visit to the Republic of Korea (ROK) by invitation, and
- The 12th ROK-UN Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Issues, entitled “Non-Proliferation Regime in the 21st Century: Challenges and the Way Forward”.

Date and Venue:

- 14-15 November, 2013, Jeju, ROK (12th ROK-UN Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Issues);
- 18-19, November 2013, Seoul, ROK (the 1540 Committee visit to ROK)

Organizer(s):

The Government of the Republic of Korea (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade); and for the 12th ROK-UN Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-proliferation issues, in cooperation with UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD).

Participants:

Participants for Jeju Conference (See Annex B)

Participants for the visit:

- Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE); Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC); Korea Customs Service (KCS); Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) and the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)
- 1540 Committee (Two Committee members and two experts)

1. Objectives

- Make presentations as requested at the Jeju Conference.
- Raise awareness of the obligations under resolution 1540 (2004) and 1977 (2011) among relevant national/regional stakeholders.
- Facilitate identification of gaps and analyze the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at ROK’s national level to facilitate the finalization of the NAP.
- Encourage the ROK to provide effective practices on its implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).
- Discuss future steps, including the submission of additional information and a voluntary NAP.
- Continue the cooperation with the Government of the ROK and to assure further efforts in strengthening the implementation.

2. Background

¹ For information –not an official report. The views expressed here do not necessarily represent those of the 1540 Committee or of the organizers or participants in the event.

- Resolution 1977 (2011) encouraged 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.
- Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the Committee has conducted visits to the United States, Albania, Madagascar, Congo, Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada.
- In 2002, the first “Jeju-Process” conference was convened. Recognizing the importance of resolution 1540 (2004) and its critical role in preventing WMD proliferation to non-state actors, the organizers of the conference has invited the Chair of the 1540 Committee and/or its experts to participate in the previous conferences. This year, the two-day Jeju Conference devoted half of the discussions to resolution 1540 (2004) on strengthening its effective and full implementation.
- On 4 September 2013, H.E. Kim Sook, then Chair of the 1540 Committee and the Permanent representative of ROK to the United Nations, delivered an invitation from the ROK for a country visit by the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts, as well as requesting the Committee members and the experts to participate in the Jeju Conference.
- This visit focused on discussions with relevant agencies and ministries to contribute to the voluntary ROK national implementation action plan (NAP). A site visit to Customs Agency’s Control Room followed after the meetings with relevant national authorities.

3. Highlights of the discussions

The Jeju Conference dedicated a day of sessions on discussions of resolution 1540 (2004). The discussion helped to identify the gaps in implementation, globally and regionally. All the presenters endorsed the significant role that resolution 1540 (2004) played in preventing the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and related materials to non-State actors.

The visit to the Republic of Korea was successful in reaffirming the Government’s commitment to the full implementation of the obligations of resolution 1540 (2004) and to support the plans of the ROK to play a bigger role in assisting the Committee’s match-making role in assistance. The ROK Government envisages submitting its National Implementation Action Plan in 2014.

At the invitation of the Korea Advanced Institute for Science and Technology (KAIST) in Daejeon, 1540 Expert Terence Taylor gave a presentation to the student body on “The Role of the Scientific Community in Biological, Chemical and Nuclear Security”.

4. Additional comments

For further information, please contact the 1540 Committee experts by e-mail at 1540experts@un.org.

List of participants

(As of 8 Nov. 2013)

Participants (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Nasr AL MAWALI
Counsellor
Embassy of Oman, Seoul

Mr. Abdulla ALSHAMSI
Third Secretary
Embassy of UAE, Seoul

Dr. Sibylle BAUER
Director, Dual-use and Arms Trade Control Programme
Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Mr. Adriaan BEENEN
Senior Policy Officer
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Ambassador François BONTEMPS
Embassy of Belgium, Seoul

Mr. Hongje CHO
Senior Research Fellow
Korea National Defense University

Mr. Jinho CHUNG
Researcher
Korea Institute of Nuclear Nonproliferation and Control

Dr. Richard CUPITT
U.S. UNSCR 1540 Coordinator
U.S. Department of State

Mr. Alain GERMEAUX
First Secretary and Sanctions Coordinator
Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the United Nations in New York

Mr. Pierre Lilian GOULANGE
Counsellor
Embassy of France, Seoul

Mr. Olli HEINONEN
Senior Fellow
Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Mr. Jong-yeol JIN
Team Leader
Korea Strategic Trade Institute

Dr. Igor KHRIPUNOV
Distinguished Fellow
Editor in Chief of the *1540 Compass* journal
Center for International Trade and Security (CITS), University of Georgia

Mr. Chang-ho KIM
Researcher for Nonproliferation
Institute for National Security Strategy

Mr. Hak-jae KIM
Counsellor
Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Netherlands

Mr. Il-hoon KIM
First Secretary
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations in New York

Mr. Moon-hwan KIM
Director-General for International Organizations
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea

Ambassador Piet de KLERK
Sherpa of the Hague Nuclear Security Summit 2014
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Ambassador Hannu KYRÖLÄINEN
Deputy Facilitator for the conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear
weapons and other weapons of mass destruction
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Mr. Youngnam LIM
Director
Nuclear Safety and Security Commission

Ambassador Mohammed LOULICHKI
Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations in New York
Chairman of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee

Mr. Xiaodong LV
Expert
United Nations Security Council 1540 Committee Group of Experts

Ambassador Sergio MERCURI
Embassy of Italy, Seoul

Dr. Vladimir A. ORLOV
President
Russian Center for Policy Studies (PIR Center)

Ms. Oujin PAEK
Second Secretary
British Embassy, Seoul

Mr. Hong-do PARK
Senior Researcher for Nonproliferation
Institute for National Security Strategy

Mr. Il PARK
Director
Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea

Ms. Pia POROLI
First Secretary
Representative to the United Nations Security Council 1540 Committee
Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations in New York

Ms. Maria Eugenia de los Angeles RETTORI
Regional Coordinator for South East Asia,
CBRN Risk Mitigation and Security Governance,
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)

Mr. Kentaro SAKAI
Senior Policy Analyst
Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

Mr. Peter SCOTT
Counsellor (Legal and Sanctions)
Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations in New York

Ambassador Hany SELIM LABIB
Embassy of Egypt, Seoul

Mr. Kiwon SEO
Second Secretary
United Nations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ambassador Dong-ik SHIN
Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea

Ms. Neeharika SINGH
First Secretary/ Director of Indian Cultural Centre
Embassy of India, Seoul

Ambassador Kyung-hoon SUL
Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations in New York

Mr. Ibrahima Sory SYLLA
Minister Counsellor
Embassy of Senegal, Seoul

Mr. Terence TAYLOR
Coordinator
United Nations Security Council 1540 Committee Group of Experts

Ambassador Carlo TREZZA
Chairman
Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)

Mr. Mijito VINITO
Third Secretary
Embassy of India, Seoul

Mr. Eui Jun YANG
International Cooperation Officer
Defense Acquisition Program Administration

United Nations

Ms. Angela KANE
High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
United Nations

Ms. Sharon RIGGLE
Director
Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific
United Nations

Mr. Aleksander MICIC
Deputy Director
Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific
United Nations

ROK Secretariat

Mr. Choong-gun LEE
First Secretary
Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea

Ms. Kyung-jin YOO
Second Secretary
Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea

Mr. Sang Yun LEE
Second Secretary
Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea

Ms. Soo Yeon SHIM
Second Secretary
Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea

Ms. Sun Suk YUN
Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Korea