

Information Note¹

- Event:** 1540 Committee visit to Guatemala
- Organisers:** Guatemala and the 1540 Committee supported by Canada
- Date and venue:** 9-11 November 2016, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Participants:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Technical Secretariat of the National Security Council, National Civil Police, International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) (Guatemala), Supreme Court, General Staff, Superintendence of Tax Administration (Customs), National Institute of Forensic Sciences, National Secretariat of Science and Technology, Public Prosecutor, Supreme Court of Justice
- 1540 Committee Group of Experts

Background

- The Organization of American States / Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS/CICTE) and the 1540 Group of Experts have been working to support Latin American and Caribbean States in the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans, including in Colombia, Mexico and Panama.
- The Canadian Government is supporting activities of the 1540 Committee and its Experts aimed at developing voluntary NAP in several States in Latin America and the Caribbean in cooperation with the United Nations Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) and the OAS/CICTE. In addition to Guatemala the other States include El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

Highlights

During the first day of the visit, the 1540 Experts met at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with representatives of some government institutions. The aim of this meeting was to brief the participants about the work for the upcoming days and the general objective when drafting a voluntary NAP.

The second day consisted of presentations made by the 1540 Experts to all participants of national institutions as mentioned in the participation list (see above). The 1540 Experts gave presentations on the background of resolution 1540 (2004), its main obligations and the measures identified in the 1540 matrix of Guatemala, which served as a basis for the interactive discussions that followed.

Subsequently, several authorities made presentations about their respective mandates related to the implementation of resolution 1540.

During the third day, the 1540 Experts made a presentation highlighting possible elements to be included in a voluntary NAP of Guatemala while mentioning some examples of how such a NAP could be drafted. They also gave a presentation specific to operative paragraph 3 c) and d) (export and border controls) of

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resolution 1540 (2004) while referring to the information recorded in the 1540 matrix for Guatemala in this regard.

The Guatemalan authorities identified some first elements to be included in a voluntary NAP.

Additional Comments

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