

Information Note¹

Event: 12th Asian Senior Level Talks on Non-Proliferation (ASTOP XIII)
Organiser: Japan
Date and venue: 31 January 2016, Tokyo, Japan
Participants: *Governments:*
Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, France, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States and Vietnam.
International Organisations:
1540 Committee Group of Experts

1. **Background**

- ASTOP is an annual event that provides a platform for senior officials at Director level in the Asia Pacific region to exchange views on key non-proliferation issues;
- Resolution 1540 has been included in the agenda in the previous three ASTOP meetings in which a member of the Group of Experts participated. The invitation by the Government of Japan was an opportunity to engage with senior officials from countries in the Asia-Pacific region to help facilitate effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), and to draw attention to the outcome of the 2016 Comprehensive review and resolution 2325 (2016).

2. **Highlights**

The event, hosted and chaired by Japan, was attended by senior representatives of 18 countries. The principal points of discussion included:

- The latest developments in relation to North Korea's continued contravention of United Nations Security Council resolutions and the policies and measure that should be taken to counter the North Korean actions;
- The implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in particular discussion of the outcome of the 2016 Comprehensive Review and resolution 2325 (2016);
- Discussion of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and related exercises and other activities;
- Discussion of nuclear security, in particular of the implementation of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards and promotion of the adoption of the IAEA Additional Protocol in the Asia-Pacific region.

3. **Additional Comments**

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