

Information Note¹

- Event:** Resolution 1540 (2004): relationship with the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT), the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its 2005 Amendment
- Organizers:** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Date and Venue:** 8 - 9 September 2020, delivered through the UNODC/TPB Online Counter-terrorism Platform
- Participants:** 7 and 12 participants for the meetings in French and Spanish respectively, from Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, as well as UNODC and 1540 Experts

Background

By means of a letter dated 19 June 2020, Mr Masood Karimipour, Chief of UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch, sent a letter to the Chair of the 1540 Committee inviting the Committee to nominate two representatives of the 1540 Group of Experts to conduct jointly with UNODC two webinars in French and Spanish on 8 and 9 September respectively. The objective of the webinars was to analyse the relationship between Resolution 1540 (2004) and ICSANT, CPPNM and its 2005 Amendment.

Highlights

Both meeting were opened by UNODC, who provided guidance in order for the participants to better understand all the available tools that the platform provided.

After that, other representative from UNODC, Francesca Andrian (for the webinar in French) and Mr Joaquin Zuckerberg (for the webinar in Spanish) delivered a presentation on ICSANT, CPPNM and its amendment, describing

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their scope as well as the synergies and differences among those international instruments. Also, they made emphasis on the importance of international cooperation and assistance in order to achieve a better coordination regarding criminal proceedings, physical protection systems and the importance of exchanging information to protect or recover unlawfully taken material and in response to sabotage of nuclear material or of a nuclear facility.

Both webinars continued with the presentation delivered by the 1540 Experts, who described general aspects related to the resolution 1540 (2004), the obligations described under Operative Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 a&b and 3 c&d of the resolution as well as the common provisions between the resolution 1540 and ICSANT, CPPNM and its 2005 amendment. Furthermore, the 1540 Experts emphasized the fact that even each of those international instruments have their own scope, as resolution 1540 has a more wider approach, it makes States to comply with it regardless their status under those international instruments. The Experts also briefed the participants on the current 1540 Comprehensive Review.

By the end of the webinars and during the questions and answers section, assistance matters were discussed as well as the progress regarding the Comprehensive Review process.

Additional Comments

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