

Information Note¹

- Event:** 1540 Committee visit to Uruguay to support the development of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP)
- Organisers:** Uruguay, 1540 Committee and the Organization of American States / Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (OAS/CICTE)
- Date and venue:** 18-19 April 2017, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Participants:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Interior (including Firefighters Corps), Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Economy (National Customs Directorate), Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines and the National Counter Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Secretariat.
- 1540 Group of Experts
OAS/CICTE

Background

- The Organization of American States / Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism and the 1540 Group of Experts have been working to support Latin American and Caribbean States in their implementation of key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004) and in the development of National Implementation action Plans, including in Colombia, Mexico and Panama.
- On 7 October 2015 the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations sent a note to the 1540 Committee Chair informing him about the intention of his Government to develop a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan and requesting the support of the 1540 Group of Experts.

Highlights

The welcoming remarks were delivered by Ambassador Enrique Loedel, Director General of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who stressed the commitment of the Government of Uruguay to further strengthening the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

The 1540 Expert made a presentation on the context in which resolution 1540 (2004) was adopted and on the current challenges in the non-proliferation field. A second presentation was made by the 1540 Expert explaining in greater detail the obligations contained in resolution 1540 (2004) followed by a presentation on the 1540 matrix for Uruguay. In this regard, the Expert recognized that since the approval by the 1540 Committee of the 1540 matrix, there had been developments regarding the ratification of certain instruments, such as the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) (4 March 2016) and the 2005 Amendment to the Convention of the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (8 April 2016).

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The Uruguayan authorities shared with the experts two legislative bills, Comprehensive Counter-Terrorism Bill and the Comprehensive Money Laundering Bill. Both documents have been forwarded to the Parliament for its consideration. The experts shared their views on these two bills and their relation with resolution 1540 (2004).

The OAS CICTE expert made a presentation on the preventive measures to counter terrorism and proliferation financing.

After the presentations, the national stakeholders shared some of their ongoing activities related to resolution 1540 (2004).

The 1540 Expert also made a presentation of possible elements to be included in a NAP and shared the examples of NAPs by States in Latin America and the Caribbean. During the second day of the meeting, the national authorities identified the areas to be covered by the NAP. Within these areas specific activities were also identified. The authorities preliminarily agreed on the specific timeframes to carry out these activities.

Additional comments

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