

Information Note¹

- Event:** A joint Workshop on the Implementation of the UNSC Resolution 1540 in Montenegro
- Organizer:** The Government of Montenegro in co-operation with the Secretariat of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
- Date and Venue:** 25-26 June 2015, Podgorica, Montenegro
- Participants:** *Montenegrin Governmental officials:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Customs Administration, Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing, Environmental Protection Agency, Public Health Institute, Center for Ecotoxicological Research
- UN entities, international/regional organizations:* United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and 1540 Committee experts.
- Others:* The US Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program Regional Adviser

1. **Objectives of Participation of 1540 Experts:**

- Make presentations on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including in the OSCE region, and on the 1540 Committee's activities.
- Discuss and assess the implementation of Montenegro's voluntary 1540 Implementation Action Plan.
- Discuss and assess Montenegro's experience, lessons learned and national effective practices in implementing resolution 1540 (2004).
- Discuss Montenegro's current request for assistance for implementing resolution 1540 (2004).

2. **Background**

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- The OSCE has been very active with regard to regional and national implementation efforts of resolution 1540 (2004) including through a series of OSCE Ministerial Council Decisions, the establishment of a 1540 coordination mechanism within the Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) of the OSCE Secretariat, as well as through numerous initiatives of its Participating States on national level, including the development of the voluntary national action plans to implement resolution 1540 (2004), with the support of OSCE.
- In the joint collaboration with OSCE, the Montenegrin Government has adopted their “Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1540 – (2014-2018)” as well as subsequently submitted a “Summary of assistance requested by Montenegro” to the 1540 Committee in June 2014.
- On 7 April 2015, the Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations through the Chair, invited representatives of the Committee and the Group of Experts to participate in the workshop in Podgorica on 25- 26 June 2015. On 13 April 2015, OSCE confirmed the invitation.
- Montenegro submitted four reports to the 1540 Committee. The latest was submitted in June 2014.

3. **Assessment**

The workshop with the national representatives of Montenegro on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) provided a valuable platform for the 1540 Committee experts to discuss and assess its implementation status and needs for further improvement. The 1540 experts led a detailed discussion on Montenegro’s national implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) based on the recent update Montenegro 1540 matrix which recorded measures taken by Montenegro to implement resolution 1540 (2004). The participating donor countries and relevant international and regional organizations gave the Montenegrin national authorities a full picture of the activities and assistance they could provide to the country.

4. **Additional comments**

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