

Information Note¹

- Event:** **Sub-regional Workshop on the Domestic Legal Implications of UN Security Council Resolutions and Financial Sanctions Against Terrorism**
- Organizers:** UN Office of Drugs and Crime/Terrorism Prevention Branch (UNODC/TPB) and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), hosted by the Government of Romania
- Date and Venue:** 1-2 April 2009; Bucharest, Romania
- Participants:** *States:* 25 OSCE
Other: EU Moneyval, EU Commission
International organizations and entities: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), UN Office of Drugs and Crime/Terrorism Prevention Branch (UNODC/TPB), 1267 Monitoring Team expert, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), 1540 Committee expert.

1. Objectives

- Promote awareness of resolution 1540 (2004), specifically of its provisions and measures against proliferation financing;
- Conduct dialogues with participating States on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

2. Background

UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) requires prohibitions on the financing of proliferation activities, and resolution 1810 (2008) takes note of “international efforts towards full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including on preventing the financing of proliferation-related activities, taking into consideration the guidance of the framework of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).” Pursuant to its Guidance of 29 June 2007, on “Further study of broad-based measures to combat WMD proliferation finance under UNSCR 1540”, FATF’s Proliferation Finance Typology Project produced the “Proliferation Financing Report” (www.fatf-gafi.org/dataoecd/14/21/41146580.pdf).

3. Highlights

The workshop focused on the domestic legal implications and financial sanctions against terrorism covering a wide range of topics, including case studies and national experiences.

The 1540 Committee expert made a presentation on the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) in particular highlighting requirements related to prevention of financing, challenges faced by States in their implementation of the resolution, and the outcomes of the FATF “Proliferation Financing Report.” The 1540 Committee’s cooperation with FATF was highlighted in the prevention of proliferation financing. The workshop also enabled each of the three expert groups to the Security Council Committees established pursuant to UNSCR 1267 on Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions, UNSCR 1373 on counter-

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terrorism, and UNSCR 1540 on WMD non-proliferation and non-State actors, to explain their mandates and the work of their respective Committees.

4. Bilateral consultations

The 1540 Committee expert conducted dialogues with individual States, including providing the country with its matrix and discussing its content, regarding their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

5. Additional comments

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