

Information Note¹

Event:	Ninth International Export Control Conference
Organizers:	Governments of Croatia and United States
Date and Venue:	20-22 October 2008; Cavtat, Croatia
Key Participants:	<i>States:</i> 62 countries, 2 special regions <i>Organizations:</i> five international governmental organizations, four non-governmental organizations, 1540 Committee expert

1. Objectives

- promote awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) and of its implementation status;
- gather information on steps taken to implement 1540 (2004) to supplement existing sources of data on national legislation and practices;
- explore opportunities for assistance with States participating in the Export Control and Border Security (EXBS) Assistance Program to implement their obligations under resolution 1540 (2004).

2. Background

This annual conference is part of the EXBS Program regional and multilateral approach to help harmonize national export control systems with international standards and facilitate information-sharing agreements among nations.

3. Highlights

The conference provided the opportunity for participating States to share recent actions in border and export controls and related best practices, and lessons learned. Presentations revealed that the majority of the States had well established border and export control systems relevant to implementing the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004).

Several presenters noted that commercial, technical and political pressures to relax WMD-related export controls had emerged, such as the renewed interest in nuclear power. There was concern that this trend could make full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) more difficult for the near future.

The 1540 Committee expert informed participants of the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) and the status of its implementation. Several States discussed opportunities for technical assistance and other capacity-building measures. A number of member States reported their efforts to focus their export control systems on the objectives of resolution 1540 (2004) and WMD nonproliferation.

For further information on the conference, please visit the [Export Control website](#).

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4. **Additional comments**

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