

Information Note¹

Event:	Visit to Ghana, at the request of its Government, to assist with the drafting of a voluntary National Implementation Action Plan
Organizer:	Government of Ghana
Date and venue:	12-15 October 2015, Accra, Ghana
Participants:	Government of Ghana, 1540 Committee Experts

1. Background

Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation. Also, the resolution encourages all States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee, as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts has interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans, including Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Niger, Senegal, Togo and Moldova.

Through a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations, addressed to the Chair of the Committee, a formal invitation was extended to the Committee and its Group of Experts to assist Ghana with the drafting of its voluntary 1540 National Implementation Action Plan. The visit took place from 12-15 October 2015. The 1540 delegation comprised two 1540 Committee Experts.

2. Highlights and discussions

Besides drafting a NAP, the objectives of the visit included informing the national stakeholders of the 1540 obligations, conducting a dialogue on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) that included an analysis of Ghana's 1540 matrix, and, where possible, updating the information in this matrix.

Participating national governmental stakeholders included the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration; Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology & Innovation; Office of the Attorney General; Defence Force; Police Service; Revenue Authority; Financial Intelligence Centre, Atomic Energy Commission; Radiation Protection Authority; Medical Research Institute of the University of Ghana; Biosafety Board; Narcotics Control Board.

The 1540 Committee Experts made the following presentations:

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- Briefing on 1540 obligations
- Analysis of the 1540 matrix of Ghana
- Overview of 1540 voluntary National Implementation Action Plans

An in-depth analysis was undertaken of Ghana's 1540 matrix, which informed the identification of actions Ghana should consider in the next five years to enhance its implementation of the resolution.

The draft NAP identifies a number of actions to be undertaken until 2020 in terms of identified priority areas in operative paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of resolution 1540 (2004).

A visit was also undertaken to the Port of Tema to view how the Port handles hazardous cargo.

3. **Additional Comments**

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