

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

- Event:** Visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) to Kazakhstan
- Organizer:** Kazakhstan, Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) under the authority of the CTC
- Date and venue:** 16-20 May 2016, Astana, Kazakhstan
- Participants:** *Kazakhstan:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Security Committee, Ministry of the Interior, Office of the Prosecutor General, Ministry of Justice, Committee of Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Culture and Sports, State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance, NCS Border Guard Service, Commission of Human Rights of the Office of the President and the Committee of Atomic Energy Supervision and Control.

*UN entities, international/regional organizations:* Group of Experts of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), Monitoring Team of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Eurasian Group on Combating Money-Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism (EAG).

### Background:

- Resolution 1977 (2001) reiterated the need to continue to enhance ongoing cooperation among the 1540 Committee, the 1267 Committee and the 1373 Committee (the CTC) including through, as appropriate, enhanced information sharing, coordination on visits to States, within their respective mandates, technical assistance and other issues of relevance to all three committees.
- The 1540 experts participated previously in visits by CTC to (Myanmar in November 2011, Guyana and Suriname in October 2013, Mongolia in May 2014, Malta in October 2014, Uzbekistan in February 2015, Italy in March 2015 and Kyrgyzstan in February 2016).
- On 16 March 2016 CTED invited the 1540 Committee to nominate a 1540 expert to participate in the visit to Kazakhstan with a view to monitoring and promoting the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), as well as discussing the implementation of the resolution 1540 (2004).
- Kazakhstan has submitted three reports to the 1540 Committee, the latest in January 2008.
- The visit included meetings with appropriate government officials during which subjects relevant to resolution 1540 (2004) such as the legislation and enforcement to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery, related customs controls and border security or proliferation financing was discussed.

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## **Overview**

During the opening session the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, Yerzhan Ahibayev, referred to current terrorism threat in Kazakhstan.

Several presentations were made on Kazakhstan efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism and radicalization, including a five-year national programme and action plan, launched in 2013, to counter terrorism and extremism.

The mission addressed issues related to counter-terrorism and judicial practice, international and regional cooperation, anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing, security and law enforcement, cooperation with foreign law enforcement counterparts, as well as effective border management.

The 1540 Committee expert also met with the Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Atomic Energy Supervision and Control. During the course of the meeting, the 1540 Committee expert was briefed about the legal framework covering the nuclear field in Kazakhstan. Information regarding radiological controls at border crossings was also provided during the course of the visit.

The authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs referred to Kazakhstan's export control system.

The mission included a visit to the Astana International Airport.

## **Additional Comments**

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