

Information Note¹

- Event:** National roundtable on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)
- Organizer:** UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) in cooperation with the Government of Jamaica
- Date and venue:** 1-5 December 2014, Kingston, Jamaica
- Participants:** Government of Jamaica, UNLIREC, CARICOM 1540 Coordinator, 1540 Committee expert, VERTIC representative

1. Objectives for the participation of 1540 Committee expert

The objectives of the participation of the 1540 Committee expert included informing participants of the obligations contained in resolution 1540 (2004), discussing and analysing the 1540 matrix of Jamaica and exchanging views on how to address any gaps identified.

2. Background

Operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1540 (2004) recognises that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of the resolution. Operative paragraph 14 of resolution 1977 (2011), inter alia, urged relevant international organisations to inform the Committee of areas in which they can provide assistance. In operative paragraph 11(a) of resolution 1810 (2008), the pursuit of the ongoing dialogue between the 1540 Committee and States is encouraged.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) extended an invitation to the Committee, and the experts supporting the work of the Committee, to participate in a national roundtable on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), which was held in Kingston, Jamaica, from 1-5 December 2014. This roundtable took place in the context of Phase One of UNLIREC's Assistance Package on strengthening the implementation of the resolution in the Caribbean States.

Similar UNODA / UNLIREC roundtables were undertaken in Grenada and Trinidad and Tobago with the participation of 1540 Committee experts, in June and October 2014, respectively.

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3. **Highlights and discussions**

The programme of the Jamaica roundtable included a meeting to discuss some of their pending 1540 related legislative bills. Furthermore, a national roundtable was held with various national 1540 stakeholders to inform them of the general obligations of resolution 1540 (2004) and related developments in the implementation of the resolution.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade expressed their appreciation for the support of UNLIREC and the 1540 Committee in facilitating their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), and reiterated Jamaica's commitment to fully implement the resolution.

During the roundtable, the 1540 Committee expert gave presentations on the enactment of 1540 relevant legislation and the obligations contained in resolution 1540 (2004). An analysis was also done on the 1540 matrix of Jamaica.

UNLIREC gave a detailed briefing on the outcome of their study on 1540 related legislation in Jamaica. An overview was provided on their main findings and recommendations. A discussion was held on the way forward.

4. **Additional Comments**

For further information, please contact the 1540 Committee experts by e-mail at 1540experts@un.org.