

Information Note¹

Event:	Workshop for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) for Portuguese-speaking Member States
Organizers:	UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) through its Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)
Date and venue:	5-6 June 2014, Lomé, Togo
Participants:	Brazil, Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau and Sao Tome and Principe

1. Objectives for the participation of 1540 Committee experts

Raise awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) among participants, highlighting the status of reports submitted to the 1540 Committee so far, and underscoring the importance of formally establishing a dialogue with the 1540 Committee through the submission of a report for States that have not yet done so.

Assist participating States in their preparation of an initial report, with the support of Brazil that shared its experience in this area.

2. Background

Resolution 1977 (2001) *"again calls upon all States that have not yet presented a first report on steps they have taken or intend to take to implement resolution 1540 (2004) to submit such a report to the Committee without delay.*

At the date of the workshop, 172 States had submitted at least one report to the Committee; twenty-one States had not yet done so.

The workshop gathered three Portuguese-speaking States that have not submitted a report. A workshop for French speaking States took place in Libreville, Gabon from 21-22 March and a workshop for English-speaking States took place in Pretoria, South Africa, from 10-11 April 2014.

3. Highlights and discussions

The UNODA Representative highlighted their role in supporting the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The 1540 Committee experts presented on resolution 1540 (2004) and the role of the 1540 Committee, including its clearinghouse function for assistance and its mandate to cooperate with international, regional and sub-regional organizations. The 1540 Committee experts described activities by the Committee and its experts to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States. They stated the objective of universality in 1540 reporting, promoted by the Chair of the Committee,

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recalling that States that have not yet submitted a report are encouraged to do so without delay. The 1540 Committee experts shared their views on the elements that usually appear in national reports and on the benefits States get from submitting a report and thus establishing a formal dialogue with the 1540 Committee.

Brazil shared its national experience in preparing an initial report and in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) and offered assistance to States to facilitate the implementation of the resolution. This sharing of experience and offer of assistance was welcomed by the participants.

On a bilateral basis, the 1540 Committee experts met participants to discuss the methodology in preparing a 1540 national report and clarify any related issue.

4. **Additional Comments**

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