

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

**Event:** **Thematic Meeting of Experts of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)**

**Organizers:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Executive Council of the CIS

**Date and Venue:** 15-16 December; Moscow, Russia

**Participants:** *States:* Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, Russian Federation, Ukraine

*International organization:* Executive Committee of the CIS

### 1. **Objectives:**

- exchange views on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by CIS countries;
- discuss the challenges and opportunities facing CIS Member States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004);
- identify methods to improve cooperation among CIS Member States;
- identify methods to enhance cooperation between CIS and the 1540 Committee.

### 2. **Background**

The thematic meeting of experts of CIS countries is a regular event organized by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### 3. **Highlights**

The thematic meeting of experts gave a good opportunity to its participants to exchange views on the progress in implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by the countries of the Commonwealth and to focus on the tasks to meet its requirements. In this regard the participants agreed that there is the continuing need in some cases to develop the necessary legislation and, in other areas, to practically implement measures to strengthen export border and customs controls systems.

It was also a common understanding that due to the activation of terrorists there is a need to enforce, in practice, effective accounting and physical protection measures and regulations to secure WMD related materials and technologies.

There was a consensus on the need to enhance cooperation among members of the CIS on the 1540 related issues and to establish closer interaction with professional and regional organizations dealing with non-proliferation and counter-terrorism. Taking into account the scarcity of resources and personnel in some countries of the Commonwealth it was agreed that the role of the Executive Committee of the CIS as a counterpart of the 1540 Committee should be enhanced

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#### **4. Additional comments**

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