

Information Note¹

- Event:** Sub-regional Workshop on the Preparation of Responses to the United Nations Committees Dealing with Counter-Terrorism
- Organizer:** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Date and Venue:** 11-13 November 2008; Nairobi, Kenya
- Participants:** *States:* Algeria, Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libyan Arab ` Jamahiriya, Morocco, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda
Others: Japan, United Kingdom and United States
Organizations: African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (CAERT), Eastern and Southern African Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG), INTERPOL, UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the 1267 Monitoring Team, 1540 Committee expert

1. Objectives

- promote awareness of the importance of resolution 1540 (2004);
- explain the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) regarding the submission of first national reports and additional information and discuss the challenges related to these requirements;
- identify obstacles and challenges in preparing national reports and explain ways to alleviate the reporting burden through a coordinated approach among the three Security Council counter-terrorism expert groups in New York and also among national officials in capitals;
- explain the process for capacity building for the full implementation of the resolution.

2. Background

The Nairobi workshop was the third and last regional workshop organized under the common strategy arrangements for non-reporting and late-reporting African States and carried out by the three expert groups - the 1540 Expert Group, the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) and the 1267 Monitoring Team (MT). The first workshop, for western and central African States, was held in September 2007 in Senegal and the second, for southern African States, was held in 2008 in Botswana.

The purpose of the workshop in Nairobi was to enhance the capacities of the northern and eastern African States to prepare their responses to the three Committees by providing participants with a forum for sharing their experience. The event was designed as a practical workshop for the UN experts to provide guidance to participants on how to prepare reports or other forms of response on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004).

3. Highlights

The workshop provided a forum for participating States to share experiences and lessons-learned related to Committee reporting and its challenges. Discussions highlighted the complexity of each Security

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Council resolution and the increasing pressure on member States to submit multiple reports. Many speakers emphasized the need for training in order to understand the differing mandates and procedures of each resolution.

Participants highlighted the need for capacity-building and opportunities for external assistance. The regional approach was encouraged as an effective way to both increase capacity and improve coordination. The 1540 Committee expert elaborate on other implementation mechanisms, such as the 1540 matrix and the 1540 assistance template, which help examine national reports and set priorities for cooperation, respectively.

The workshop concluded with an outcome document in which participants agreed, inter alia, to:

- encourage their respective States to continue dialogue with the three expert groups as a step in the global fight against terrorism;
- submit any outstanding responses as soon as possible;
- enact, when appropriate, the necessary domestic legislation;
- use the technical assistance programs to promote ratification and implementation of the relevant universal instruments.

4. **Additional comments**

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