

Information Note¹

- Event:** Pacific Regional Workshop on the Model Provisions on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime
- Organizer:** New Zealand, Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Date and Venue:** 18-19 May 2016, Auckland, New Zealand
- Participants:** States: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
- Speakers/Experts and Facilitators:* APG Secretariat, Australian, Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Secretariat and 1540 Committee Group of Experts

1. **Background**

- Resolution 1977 (2001) reiterated the need to continue to enhance ongoing cooperation among the 1540 Committee and other international/regional organisations and UN agencies, especially on technical assistance for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In this regard, the Committee has had close cooperation with UNODC and PIF to facilitate implementation since its adoption.
- On 19 April 2016, the Deputy Secretary General of the PIF secretariat invited the 1540 Committee Chair to nominate an expert to participate in a regional Workshop on the Model Provisions on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime to contribute to assisting regional States implementing their obligations under resolution 1540 (2004) and to revise the model legislation used by Forum countries to incorporate key legislative components and international standards of counter terrorism, including 1540 obligations, into national legal systems.

2. **Highlights and Assessment**

The workshop brought together policy, law enforcement and legislative drafting experts from across the Pacific region to revise the 2002 Forum Model Provisions on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime which was developed with the support of UNODC and provided a valuable opportunity to review the model provisions to assist Members' efforts with strengthening legal frameworks required for giving effect to counter terrorism and transnational organised crime policies. The revision is intended to reflect developments in international counter terrorism and transnational criminal obligations of States following the intense focus on terrorism issues at the United Nations. These obligations include those relating to periodic mutual evaluations by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering as well as obligations relating to WMD proliferation and foreign terrorist

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fighters. The outcomes of the workshop will be presented to the Forum's Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime of the Forum's Regional Security Committee (FRSC) when it meets in June². The revised Model Provisions would be helpful for Pacific countries to strengthen effective implementation of legal and institutional frameworks and mechanisms to combat terrorism, including non-State actors who might explore the use of WMD for terrorist actions.

3. **Additional comments**

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² The 1540 Committee/Group of Experts was invited to participate in this meeting from 7 to 9 June 2016 in Suva, Fiji. But due to prior commitments, the Committee and the Group of Experts were unable to participate in the meeting (S/AC.44/2016/OC.61).