

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

- Event:** Global Partnership Working Group (GPWG) meeting
- Organizer:** Russian Federation, holding the 2014 Presidency of the G-8
- Date and Venue:** 25-27 February 2014, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
- Participants:** *States:* Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America  
*Other:* European Commission
- International and regional organizations:* International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL), Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), UN Office for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and 1540 Committee Group of Experts
- Civil society, private sector and other entities:* Center for International Trade and Security (CITS, University of Georgia), Danish Centre for Biosecurity and Biopreparedness, and International Center for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS)

### 1. Background

- At the Deauville Summit in May 2011, the G8 Leaders agreed to extend the G8 Global Partnership beyond its original mandate, focusing in particular on nuclear and radiological security, bio-security, scientist engagement and facilitation of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (See *The G8 Global Partnership Assessment and Options for Future Programming* document at <http://www.state.gov/t/isn/gp2013/rls/docs/184761.htm>).
- The 1540 Committee experts have been regular participants in GPWG meetings since 2010.
- The 25-27 February 2014 meeting was the first GPWG meeting under the Russian Federation's Presidency of the G8, and it included meetings of five GPWG sub-Working Groups, which were: the Biological Security sub-Working Group (BSWG), Chemical

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Security sub-Working Group (CSWG), Nuclear and Radiological Security sub-Working Group (NRSWG), Expansion and Outreach sub-Working Group (EOWG) and Centres of Excellence sub-Working Group (CoEWG). It also included a match-making session, which was instituted by a common understanding in 2013 among the GP members as a permanent feature of the GPWG. The Expansion and Outreach sub-Working Group (EOWG) was a close meeting for GP members only, and this report did not reflect the discussion in this EOWG.

## 2. **Highlights**

The meeting was the continuation of the discussions and interactions between the 1540 Committee experts and the Global Partnership (GP). The meeting advanced further the discussions between the 1540 Committee and its experts with the relevant GP Member States on their 1540 activities and cooperation. The meeting successfully brought together relevant international and regional organizations involved in resolution 1540 (2004) and GP matters, such as the FAO, IAEA, INTERPOL, OIE, OPCW, and WHO. A match-making session on assistance was helpful and facilitated detailed discussions on a large number of project proposals aimed at enhancing the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

## 3. **Additional comments**

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