

Information Note¹

- Event:** “National Action Plan Workshop on Strengthening the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)”
- Organizers:** Guyana, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
- Venue and Date:** Georgetown, Guyana, 4 October 2017
- Participants:** Guyana, 1540 Group of Experts, UNLIREC, Stimson Center

1. Background

Resolutions 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation. Also, the resolutions encourage all States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, National Implementation Action Plans (NAP), with the assistance of the 1540 Committee, as appropriate. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the 1540 Group of Experts have interacted with States to assist them with the drafting of such plans and have been cooperating with UNLIREC in Latin America and the Caribbean in this regard.

Through the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the Chair of the Committee was informed of a workshop to be held in Guyana on the development and consolidation of their voluntary NAP, in response to their request for assistance to develop such a plan, and the participation of the Group of Experts in this workshop was requested. The workshop took place on 4 October 2017.

2. Highlights of discussions

The agenda for the workshop included opening remarks and presentations by respectively the 1540 Group of Experts and a representative of the Stimson Center followed by an interactive discussion of a voluntary NAP. The presentation of the Group of Experts included a focus on 1540 obligations and an overview of 1540 voluntary NAPs. The presentation by the Stimson Center included information on their 1540 assistance support initiative, supported through funding by the Government of Canada, as well as the Center’s views on assistance and sustainability in implementing NAPs. National stakeholders held a discussion on the elements of a voluntary NAP.

3. Additional Comments

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