

Information Note¹

Event:	1540 Committee visit to Zambia, at the request of its Government
Organizer:	Government of Zambia in cooperation with the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC)
Date and venue:	14 – 17 April 2015, Lusaka and Chirundu Border Post, Zambia
Participants:	Government of Zambia, 1540 Committee Experts, UNREC

1. Objectives for the participation of 1540 Committee Experts

The objectives for the participation of the 1540 Committee Experts in the visit included supporting Zambia's drafting process of its first national 1540 report, and to raise awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) among the relevant national stakeholders. The Experts also undertook, and discussed with the national stakeholders, an analysis of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Zambia, which facilitated the identification of possible further steps to be undertaken and assistance needs.

2. Background

Resolution 1977 (2011) 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. Since the adoption of resolution 1977 (2011), the Committee has conducted visits to the United States, Albania, Madagascar, Republic of the Congo, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, Niger, Bangladesh, Malawi, China and the United Kingdom.

The Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations extended a formal invitation to the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts to undertake a visit to Zambia, which took place from 14 to 17 April 2015.

3. Highlights and discussions

The programme included a 1540 report writing workshop, which was held with national stakeholders, bilateral meetings calls and a visit to the Chirundu border post between Zambia and Zimbabwe. The workshop sessions were moderated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, whilst the 1540 Committee Experts acted as facilitators of the discussions.

Besides drafting an outline of Zambia's 1540 report, the objectives of the workshop included informing the national stakeholders of the 1540 obligations, conducting a dialogue on the

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implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) that included an analysis of Zambia's 1540 matrix, and, where possible, updating the information.

National governmental stakeholders included the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Finance, Home Affairs, Office of the President, Zambia Revenue Authority, Radiation Protection Authority, Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia Environmental Management Authority, Zambia Bureau of Standards, National Institute for Scientific and Industrial Research as well as the Department of Chemistry at the University of Zambia, participated in the workshop.

Opening remarks were made by the Government of Zambia, 1540 Committee Experts and UNREC. The representative of the Government of Zambia welcomed participants and expressed their appreciation to the 1540 Committee for responding positively to their request for assistance on the drafting of their 1540 report. The UNREC representative outlined their role in supporting 1540 related outreach events in Africa, while the 1540 Committee experts expressed their appreciation for the invitation of the government of Zambia, outlined the main obligation of the resolution and recalled recent visits of the 1540 Committee to Africa.

The 1540 Committee Experts made the following presentations:

- Briefing on 1540 Obligations
- Overview of the 1540 Matrix and 1540 Implementation in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) States
- Analysis of the 1540 Matrix of Zambia
- Overview of 1540 Assistance
- Overview of 1540 Reporting including Voluntary National Implementation Action Plans

Specific focus was placed on the draft 1540 report of Zambia, which was thoroughly discussed and a draft outline report was drafted during the session.

Bilateral meetings were also held with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Radiation Protection Authority and the Financial Intelligence Centre.

The host country organized an on-site visit to the Chirundu border post between Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Zambia Revenue Authority officer in charge of the border post explained how the border crossing operates and how cargo is checked.

4. **Additional Comments**

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