

**OSCE Workshop**  
**To identify the Proper Role of the OSCE in Facilitation of**  
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On behalf of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Chairman of the Forum for Security Co-operation for inviting an UNODA representative to participate in this important meeting. Mr. Sergio Duarte, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, conveys his best wishes to you for a successful meeting.

The effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 which deals with non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) to non-State actors, in particular to terrorists, requires a wide scope of measures to be adopted and enforced by Governments. These measures range from legislation to law enforcement, from domestic controls to regional and international cooperation, from measures to account for and secure WMD-related materials to border, export and transshipment controls, from establishing and enforcing appropriate criminal and civil penalties, to interacting with other Governments and working domestically with industry and the public. The agenda of the workshop reflects this comprehensive approach.

The Security Council Committee established to ensure the implementation of the resolution is specifically tasked to engage actively with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to promote the sharing of experience and lessons learned in the areas covered by the resolution and to liaise on the availability of programmes which might facilitate its implementation.

Cooperation between the 1540 Committee and international, regional and subregional organizations was the focus of the Comprehensive Review of the status of implementation of resolution 1540 which was carried out by the Committee in 2009-2010. The OSCE made an important contribution to this Review through its participation in the open meeting of the Committee held 30 September- 2 October 2009. As a result of this Comprehensive Review, the Committee is now called upon to create more formal and informal cooperative arrangements with international, regional and subregional organizations; ways to remedy national implementation challenges such as laying out priorities, harmonizing approaches, facilitating advisory and drafting services and matching requests and offers of assistance could be identified.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) is actively engaged in supporting regional efforts aimed at the full implementation of the resolution. Since 2006, the Office has

been carrying out 13 regional workshops with the participation of 25 international, regional and subregional organizations. At these workshops, representatives of participating organizations were given an opportunity to provide detailed information on the activities under their respective purview that could be beneficial to their Member States with respect to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in particular with regard to technical capacity building. The 2009 Comprehensive Review recognized the added value of regional workshops in facilitating regional experience sharing in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and the need to continue with this practice.

UNODA appreciates its partnership with OSCE in its efforts to support the full implementation of resolution 1540, which now increasingly focuses on capacity building and assistance facilitation, and intends to further actively engage with your Organization in providing support for the activities of the 1540 Committee.

Within its responsibilities, UNODA is actively working in areas of cooperation between the 1540 Committee and the OSCE which have already been identified through past consultations in 2009. For example, UNODA invited a representative of the OSCE to participate in the ODA-organized regional workshop held in Croatia in June 2010. We also invited a representative of the Government of Croatia to participate in the ODA-organized workshop for South East Asia to share national and subregional experiences in the implementation of resolution 1540 taking into account the outcome of the June 2010 workshop. We are currently exploring possibilities of holding a workshop in support of Security Council Resolution 1540 in Central Asia

In addition, OSCE participated in the Meeting of International, Regional and Sub-regional Organizations on Cooperation in Promoting the Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1540 which was held in Vienna, 15-16 December 2010. The key objective of the meeting was to promote effective interaction and collaboration between participating organizations to bring tangible benefits for their respective Member States in implementing the requirements of Security Council resolution 1540. It was noted at the meeting that “regional organizations have a crucial role in the implementation of resolution 1540 especially in capacity building, as they have a comparative advantage through their knowledge of regional specificities”. It is encouraging that the meeting recognized that “the size and geographical scope of the OSCE have positioned it ideally to facilitate regional implementation of resolution 1540” and that “the OSCE ...is striving to complement the work of other international organisations (IOs), especially the UN, while providing an original and effective contribution to the implementation process”.

States parties to the OSCE have accumulated practices that could be of great value for other UN Member States to take into account in their implementation activities and national action plans. Additionally, these practices would facilitate the identification of sources of technical assistance and advice.

UNODA welcomes this opportunity to address OSCE States parties and to further engage in direct dialogue to explore possible areas of cooperation and interaction to promote and facilitate implementation of resolution 1540. We are looking forward to continued cooperation with the OSCE in this regard.