

# Information Note<sup>1</sup>

- Event:** Workshop on strategic trade controls for Algerian Government Officials
- Organizers:** Center for International Trade and Security (CITS, University of Georgia, United States), with the support of the US Department of State's Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance Programme (EXBS)
- Date and Venue:** 25-29 January 2010 (Washington DC, USA)
- Participants:** Algerian officials from the Customs (Ministry of Finance), the Algerian Nuclear Energy Administration (COMEMA, Ministry of Energy), the Ministry of Defense, and the Port of Algiers  
CITS researchers  
Experts (US Government, 1540 Committee expert) who intervened during specific sessions of the workshop

## 1. Objectives

The workshop aimed at assisting Algeria in building a comprehensive legal-regulatory and institutional framework for resolution 1540 (2004). The workshop was designed to present information about global proliferation trends, illustrate international nonproliferation norms, examine existing resolution 1540 (2004) implementation challenges, and offer specific ways to address capacity-building issues for Algeria strategic trade control institutions and gaps in the legal-regulatory framework for production, trade, and transfer of nuclear, biological, and chemical related materials. The workshop included a visit to the US Customs National Targeting Center and to the Customs Port of Baltimore facilities.

## 2. Background

The participation of a 1540 Committee expert aimed at delivering first-hand information on resolution 1540 (2004) requirements and implementation challenges and at fostering dialogue with Algerian officials involved at the technical level in the implementation of some aspects of the resolution (in particular its operative paragraphs 3-c and 3-d). It was the second time that a 1540 Committee expert would attend a CITS-organized event with a national focus, after the Legal-Regulatory Seminar on International Trade and Global Security that was held in Chile from 23-25 September 2009.

## 3. Highlights

The presentation by the 1540 Committee expert focused on key aspects of resolution 1540 (2004) and on obligations placed upon all States; on implementation efforts at the national level, including voluntary national action plans; and, on Algerian record toward full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

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4. **Additional comments**

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