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## Regional seminar for African parliaments on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540



National Assembly  
of Côte d'Ivoire

Seminar for African parliaments organized jointly by the Parliament of Côte d'Ivoire and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in partnership with the 1540 Committee and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs

22-23 February 2016, Parliament of Côte d'Ivoire (Abidjan)

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Monday 22 February 2016**

9 a.m. **Registration**

10 a.m. **Opening remarks:**

**M. Jean Albert Agbre, Delegated President of the IPU national group**  
**Ms. Olatokunbo Ige, UNODA Representative, Director of UNREC**  
**Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**  
**Hon. Guillaume Soro, Speaker of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire**

**Keynote address: Mr. Isidor Marcel Sene, 1540 Committee Member**

***Photo opportunity***

10.45 a.m. *Coffee break*

11 a.m. **Session I: Common challenges WMD proliferation in Africa**

This session will focus on the existing risks and the current state of play in Africa which shows that WMDs are likely to spread where terrorist groups are most active and political institutions particularly vulnerable. Combating proliferation should be a priority as weapons and related materials can spread very quickly within countries and across borders.

- **Moderator: Raphael Prenat, Expert, UNSC 1540 Committee**
- **Panellists:**  
**Ms. Olatokunbo Ige, UNODA Representative, Director of UNREC**  
**Dr. Berhanykun Andemicael, Former Expert, UNSC 1540 Committee**

**Discussion**

12.15 a.m. *break*

12.30 a.m. **Session II: Overview of UNSC Resolution 1540: Requirements and obligations**

This session will assess the institutional context of Resolution 1540 and explain in greater detail the requirements and obligations it entails in terms of national legislation to prevent non-state actors from acquiring WMDs. Effective laws must be adopted and enforced to prohibit proliferation activities and effective measures must be undertaken to ensure domestic controls for weapons of mass destruction, including physical protection of materials and border controls.

- **Moderator: Mr. J.R.Tau, Deputy Chair of the National Council of Provinces, South Africa**  
**President of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security,**
- **Panellists: Enrique Ochoa, Expert, UNSCR 1540 Committee**

**Discussion**

1.30 p.m. *Lunch*

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2.30 p.m. **Session III: National and regional mechanisms for the implementation of Resolution 1540**

This session will address the fact that while the obligations are clearly set out, the resolution does not specify how they should be implemented in legislative, regulatory or other ways. It will review the mechanisms and tools that can be put in place to implement the resolution.

- **Moderator: Dr. Berhanykun Andemicael, Former Expert, UNSC 1540 Committee**
- **Panellists:**
  - Nicolas Kasprzyk, International Consultant, ISS AFRICA**
  - Ms. Olatokunbo Ige, UNODA Representative, Director of UNREC**
  - Mr. Enrique Ochoa, UNSC 1540 Committee**
  - Colonel Wagane Faye, National Commission NBC of Senegal**

**Discussion**

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4.00 p.m. *Coffee break*

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4.15 p.m. **Session IV: Strengthening National legal frameworks: Lessons learnt and good practices**

This session will focus on an exchange of experience on the regulations and laws that have proven most effective in reducing the threat of WMDs. From omnibus laws to specific legislation focussing on each type of weapon of mass destruction, there are many ways to strengthen the legal framework for WMDs.

- **Moderator: Nicolas Kasprzyk, International Consultant, ISS AFRICA,**
- **Panellists:**
  - Mounia Ben Hammou, UNODC**
  - Identified Parliamentarians**

**Discussion**

**Diner offered by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire at the Hôtel du Golf**

**Tuesday 23 February 2016**

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9.30 a.m. **Working Groups:**  
**1. Needs, Challenges and Opportunities,**  
**2. Mechanisms for Implementation of Measures Related to Resolution 1540**

Groups will be organized by language (French/English) and number of participants. Each working group will appoint rapporteurs at the start of the session and will benefit from facilitation of two experts.

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*Lunch*

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2.00 p.m. **Reports from the working groups (Needs, Challenges and Opportunities; Mechanisms for Implementation of Measures Related to Resolution 1540)**

- **Moderator: CIV MP specialised in the topic (TBD)**
- **Group rapporteurs**

**Discussion**

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3.15 p.m. *Coffee break*

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3.30 p.m. **Session VI: The way forward.**

This session will bring together the main ideas developed over the two days of the workshop. It will highlight specific recommendations to implement Resolution 1540 in the African region and to make progress towards global prohibition and elimination of WMDs. It will be organised as a large discussion of all participants through the moderator.

- **Moderator Mr. Isidor Marcel Sene, 1540 Committee Member (TBC)**

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5.00 p.m. Closing remarks ■