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Implementing Resolution 1540: the Role of Regional Organizations

UNIDIR and MIIS seminar and book launch

**22 October 2008, United Nations Secretariat, New York
Conference Room 4 — 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm**

- ➔ Sandwiches will be served outside the room from 1:00 pm
- ➔ Copies of the publication will be distributed

Regional organizations could play a significant role in helping to implement Security Council Resolution 1540, a critical tool for preventing non-state actors from obtaining weapons of mass destruction. This seminar will present the research findings of a two-year project to examine the experiences of organizations in Africa, Latin America, and South-East Asia and the Pacific to identify how they can assist their members with their commitments to implement UNSCR 1540.

The project was funded by the Government of Norway and jointly implemented by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies of the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Agenda

Introductory Remarks

Christiane Agboton Johnson, Deputy Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Opening Remarks

Ambassador Jorge Urbina, Chairman, 1540 Committee (TBC)
Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations

Ambassador Mona Juul

Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

The Role of Regional Organizations in Implementing Resolution 1540

Lawrence Scheinman, Senior Researcher and Project Manager, UNIDIR, and Distinguished Professor, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies of the Monterey Institute of International Studies

Facilitating Implementation of Resolution 1540 in South-East Asia and the South Pacific

Tanya Ogilvie-White, Director, Diplomacy Programme, University of Canterbury, New Zealand