

IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION 1540: THE ROLE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

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Regional forums and collaborative security-building

- UN Charter sets out peace & security role for regional organizations (chapter 8)
- Existing regional and sub-regional infrastructures, formal and informal, can and do help achieve UN goals
- Many benefits of regional & sub-regional initiatives

WMD terrorism -

a serious, long-term threat of
common concern

Complacency is not an option...

Regional forums & Resolution 1540

- ⦿ Responsibility lies primarily at the national level
- ⦿ Regional forums can help identify, develop, encourage & sustain best practices for 1540 implementation
- ⦿ To maximize the benefits and synergies, we need to share valuable lessons between & across regional & sub-regional forums

Regional initiatives that provide models for other regions (1)

- ⦿ ‘Points of Contact’ to facilitate information-sharing
- ⦿ 1540 focused peer review partnering
- ⦿ Sub-regional ‘piggy-backing’ initiatives

Regional initiatives that provide models for other regions (2)

- ◎ 1540 assistance provision
- ◎ Dedicated 1540 implementation seminars
- ◎ Discussions on non-proliferation of WMD, including 1540 priorities

Regional initiatives that provide models for other regions (3)

- ⦿ State-led initiatives
- ⦿ International organisations
- ⦿ Track 2 & non-governmental organisation initiatives

South Asian challenges

- ◎ Critical gaps in 1540 implementation in South Asia. Why so critical?
- ◎ Lack of sub-regional security institutions is limiting

Potential for progress

- ⦿ Progress possible via Asia-Pacific Forums, in which South Asian countries are members
- ⦿ Expanding existing dedicated 1540 NGO, IO, and state-led assistance efforts
- ⦿ Following approaches learned from other regions

Further Information

- 1540 website
- UNIDIR study on role of regional organisations in 1540 implementation
- Keynote speech by Ambassador Kim to the OSCE Forum for Security Cooperation, 15 May 2013
- NTI Analysis of South Asia 1540 Reporting
- Co-Chairs Summary of the ARF Seminar on 1540 Implementation, May 2013
- *1540 Compass* – dedicated 1540 journal of CITS (University of Georgia Centre for International Trade and Security)

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