

**Opening remarks by Ambassador Jose Javier De La Gasca,
Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
at the third phase of the Peer Review for Brazil, Chile and Mexico on the
Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)**

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Excellencies, distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Committee established pursuant to United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), and in my capacity as Chair of the Committee, I would like again to express my appreciation to both the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organization of American States (OAS/CICTE) and the Governments of Brazil, Chile and Mexico for inviting the 1540 Committee to participate in this third phase of the Peer Review exercise, after those conducted last 28-29 September 2023 in Mexico, and last 9-10 January 2024 in Chile. I thank the Government of Brazil for hosting this final event.

At the occasion of this meeting, which closes the sequence of three Peer Review exercises between your States, I would like to inform you of the 1540 Committee's satisfaction that such process has been carried out continuously within a few months.

Also, I would like to highlight again the importance of this type of exercise in the framework of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), what is aligned with the relevance of the cooperation between Member States to address the objective of the resolution 1540 (2004).

I look forward to the Committee receiving the outcome of this Peer Review sequence in terms of your States' implementation of the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004). I also encourage you to share your experience with all member states, which will be posted through the 1540 Committee's website on its Shared Experience, Lessons Learned and Effective Practice page.

I thank again the Organization of American States for its contribution to States at the regional level in the full and effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

Finally, I would like to note that in April of this year we will mark the 20th anniversary of resolution 1540 (2004). Since its adoption, Resolution 1540 has become a vital component of the global nonproliferation architecture.

I wish you a fruitful event.

Thank you for your attention.