

Training Course for 1540 Points of Contact in the Asia-Pacific Region

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**Message from H. E. Dian Triansyah Djani, Chair of the Committee
Established Pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)**

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I wish to welcome all participants in this training course for 1540 Points of Contact in the Asia-Pacific Region and thank you for your commitment and interest in this important topic. I very much regret that due to prior commitments, I am unfortunately not able to be with you for the event.

At the outset, let me commend the government of China for hosting this important training course. China's willingness to host this training course is particularly appreciated as this is the third training course for the 1540 national PoC in the Asia and Pacific Region. China was also the one who took the initiative to host the very first training course for the region in Qingdao in 2015. A second 1540 PoC training course for the region then followed in Xi'an in 2017. I then wish to express great appreciation to the various international organisations who will contribute to the course. Additionally, allow me to thank the European Union for their financial contribution and UNODA for their support.

Since its unanimous adoption on 28 April in 2004, resolution 1540 has become a vital and integral component of the international non-proliferation architecture, and main guidance for the international community's efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery to and by non-State actors.

Resolution 1540 imposes binding obligations on all States to adopt legislation to prohibit any non-State actor to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport,

transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, in particular for terrorist purposes. It also obliges all States to take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of these weapons and their means of delivery.

We are in an era in which terrorist groups and their supporters are ready to commit extreme violence on a wide scale, which could have catastrophic humanitarian, economic and political consequences. Globalization, rapid advances in science and technology, and the continuously evolving trading environment - while bringing great benefits, too – bear new risks, including in respect of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. Therefore, the provisions of the resolution remain as relevant today as when adopted more than 15 years ago.

The aim of this course is to equip you to be an effective 1540 Point of Contact within your own country, to be a direct link to the 1540 Committee. The agenda for the week underlines that participants will have the opportunity to discuss in details various aspects and issues related to the effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). I would like to encourage all participants to engage actively in the discussions, which would allow all to share experiences.

I will conclude my remarks by noting that the Security Council decided the 1540 Committee will conduct a Comprehensive Review prior to the renewal of the Committee's mandate under Operative Paragraph 3 of resolution 1977, which was adopted in 2011. Preparations for the Comprehensive Review are well underway and the Committee has adopted a Modalities Paper and Tentative Plan of Activities to guide the operation of the Review next year.

I wish you fruitful deliberations during this important training course.

Thank you for your attention.

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