

Resolution 1540 (2004) China Customs Enforcement Workshop

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Opening Remarks by the 1540 Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to deliver this statement on behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540 (2004). I wish to express appreciation to Dr Chen Hui, President of the Chinese Academy of Customs Administration, for the invitation to address this UNSCR 1540 (2004) China Customs Enforcement Workshop.

Resolution 1540 (2004) remains an important component of the global non-proliferation architecture in curbing the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery, by non-State actors.

I have the honor to inform you that, flowing from the outcome of the 2022 Comprehensive Review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), resolution 2663 was adopted unanimously by the Security Council on 30 November 2022, extending the mandate of the 1540 Committee for a period of 10 years until 30 November 2032. The new resolution reiterates the Council's decisions in and the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) and re-emphasizes the importance for all States to implement fully that resolution.

In the light of the latest comprehensive review, it has to be noted that further progress has been made towards the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). Of the total possible measures, the Committee identified roughly 56%, an increase of around 6% compared to the data for the same matrix fields in 2016.

While States have made progress towards the implementation of the resolution, much remains to be done and the latest data and rate of progress reaffirm the Committee's view that the full and effective implementation of the resolution is a long-term task that will require continuous efforts at national, regional and international levels.

Resolution 2663 (2022) reiterates the Security Council's decision that the 1540 Committee shall continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004), and address all aspects of

paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of that resolution, particularly noting the need for more attention on: enforcement measures; measures relating to biological, chemical and nuclear weapons; proliferation finance measures; accounting for and securing related materials; and national export and transshipment controls.

The Committee would like to commend the Government of China for the actions it has already taken to strengthen the implementation of the resolution and its efforts in hosting not only this training course for customs frontline officers, but also in hosting three important Points of Contact training courses for Asia and Pacific countries.

On behalf of the 1540 Committee, I wish all participants fruitful deliberations and a successful meeting.

I thank you.