



THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO  
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Conventional Arms Branch Office of Disarmament Affairs to the United Nations and has the honour to submit herewith attached Lesotho's National Implementation Action Plan on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Conventional Arms Branch Office of Disarmament Affairs to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## **UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN OF LESOTHO FOR THE PERIOD 2016-2018**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho expresses its commitment to the principles of the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of friendly relations and cooperation among states. Lesotho affirms its support to resolution 1540 (2004), adopted by the Security Council on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004. In her efforts to effectively implement the resolution, Lesotho realized the need to develop a National Implementation Plan (NAP) as a guiding tool to fully implement the resolution. The NAP has been developed by a team of relevant stakeholders from different Government institutions in the implementation of the Resolution and with the guidance of 1540 Group of Experts.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

Resolution 1540 was adopted by Security Council under Chapter VII of United Nations Charter. The resolution imposes binding obligations on all States to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and their means of delivery, to non-State actors including by establishing appropriate legislation and domestic controls over related materials. A National Technical Committee on the implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) has been established to oversee the full implementation as well as related obligations to the Resolution.

### **3. RATIONALE**

Lesotho does not develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, nor does it provide any form of support to non-state actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery. In support in the fight against proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons and their means of

delivery, Lesotho has signed /ratified/acceded to a number of anti-terrorism conventions and has enacted several pieces of legislation. Some domestic controls over related materials to prevent the illicit trafficking of WMDs have also been established.

Since Lesotho has already submitted her National report on the implementation of the resolution, the status of Lesotho's implementation and progress thus far will not be dealt with in the NAP.

#### IDENTIFIED GAPS

Though Lesotho has enacted several Laws that enable the implementation of the resolution, there are gaps in most of the existing legislation that need to be addressed to close those gaps. At the same time there is a lot that needs to be done regarding Biological Weapons Convention which Lesotho is a party to. Currently there is no domestic law in that regard. The National Authority on Chemical Weapons needs resuscitation as well. There is also a need to amend the Chemical Weapons Act to incorporate aspects of exports control and licensing.

The need to develop regulations regarding terrorism financing has been identified also.

Lesotho has also realized that the current National Technical Committee on the implementation of the Resolution needs to be strengthened to comprise all relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the Resolution.

Enclosed here in is the Kingdom of Lesotho National Implementation Action Plan.

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	ISSUE	ACTIVITY	INDICATOR	RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAME	TECHNICAL PARTNERS
<b>OP1</b>						
1.	Strengthening the National 1540 Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify additional relevant 1540 national stakeholders.</li> <li>Seek approval for participation.</li> <li>Elaborate terms of reference of the expanded committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant stakeholders identified</li> <li>Approval obtained</li> <li>Revised terms of reference adopted.</li> </ul>	MOFA, MOD.	July, 2016  September, 2016  October, 2016	
<b>OP2</b>						
2.	Identified gaps in the current legislation to include 1540 aspects	Address gaps in the following legislation: -Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism Bill, 2015	Identified gaps addressed	National committee, MOHA, MTEC	2016/2017	

		-Radiation Protection Agency Bill, 2015				
3.	Proliferation financing	Address gaps in the following legislation: -Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism Bill, 2015	Identified gaps addressed	National committee, MOHA, MTEC	2016/2017	
<b>OP3</b>						
4.	Address the enactment of the Radiation Protection Agency Bill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The establishment and operationalization of the Radiation Protection Agency</li> </ul>	Agency in operation	MTEC	2016/2017	
5.	Address the operationalization of the CWC National Authority	The operationalization of the CWC National Authority	CWC Authority in operation	MDNS	2017	
6.	Identified gaps in the Biosafety/Biosecurity legal framework.	Address identified gaps.	Identified gaps addressed.	MTEC	2016/17	

<b>OP7</b>						
7.	Assistance on capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customs commodity identification training</li> <li>• Law enforcement training</li> </ul>	<p>Training held</p> <p>Training held</p>	MOFA, CUSTOMS, POLICE, MDNS, IMMIGRATION	2016/18	UNODC, WCO, INTERPOL, OPCW
8.	Detection equipment	Hand held scanners to detect radiological material		MOFA, CUSTOMS, MTEC	2016/18	IAEA
9.	Awareness raising on export control	Workshop on export controls including on control lists and licensing.	Workshop held	MOFA, national committee.	2016/18	WCO