



**OSCE's contribution to the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Review
of the Status of Implementation of UNSCR 1540
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Statement

Your Excellency, Mr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente Ramírez,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like to thank the 1540 Committee for the invitation and providing the opportunity to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to share progress achieved in the OSCE region on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004) since 2016.

In my statement, I would like to briefly mention main points of the OSCE's contribution to the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Review, which was previously submitted to the 1540 Committee, and share some recommendations for international and regional co-operation in order to secure full implementation of all aspects of the UNSCR 1540 (2004).

The OSCE participating States view non-proliferation issues as one of their priorities and consider the UNSCR 1540 (2004) as an indispensable element of the global, regional and subregional security architecture.

In this connection, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation and 15th Anniversary of the UNSCR 1540 (2004), in 2019, OSCE participating States adopted Commemorative Declaration, which reaffirmed the readiness of the OSCE participating States and of the OSCE to take an active part in the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Review.

In the framework of OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) Decision on "OSCE's Role in Support of UNSCR 1540 (2004) (FSC.DEC/4/15)", OSCE supported the leading role and global efforts undertaken by the 1540 Committee by engaging and facilitating participation of the 1540 Committee and its Experts in most of the OSCE-organized meetings and OSCE-supported assistance activities, such as national implementation action plans (NAP) development and implementation activities, peer reviews, and FSC Security Dialogue on resolution 1540-related issues.

Since 2016, the OSCE has conducted nine FSC security dialogue meetings to consider current 1540 implementation issues, facilitated exchange of national experience and best practices in export controls and discussed other related matters. The frequency of meetings allowed the OSCE to keep UNSCR 1540 (2004) in the focus of its work and highlighted different aspects of its implementation in the OSCE region.

The OSCE has developed a voluntary NAP structure, which may be used as a suggestive template by the participating States. To date, the OSCE has received over a dozen requests for assistance in developing NAP to help participating States in setting their national priorities in combating

proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery, as well as requests to assist with the implementation of specific provisions of the resolution 1540. Voluntary NAPs have been developed with OSCE support in at least 10 OSCE participating States. Subsequently the OSCE provided support to interested participating States in its implementation.

Besides, the OSCE further promoted experience sharing on national progress and lessons learned and initiated the process of developing effective practices on the implementation of resolution 1540 at the regional level.

With an aim to maintain and further develop the OSCE network of Points of Contact on resolution 1540, the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre maintains the PoC directory on UNSCR 1540, facilitates information exchange between national PoCs and the 1540 Committee. Moreover, two regional training courses for the OSCE Points of Contact on UNSCR 1540 were organized.

In line with the Memorandum of Understanding between the OSCE and UNODA 28 assistance activities, as well as 10 workshops and trainings were carried out jointly. These events provided an opportunity to raise awareness of the measures undertaken by the OSCE participating States at national level and to share best practices with respect to the implementation of the resolution.

Excellences, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

In closing, let me again underline that the OSCE efforts to facilitate the implementation of UNSCR 1540 by the participating States continue to serve as an important additional tool to assist national authorities, upon their request, in developing and taking non-proliferation measures, complementing and supporting the activities of the UN and other relevant international organizations.

The OSCE remains an important platform for dialogue, exchange of experience/effective practices as well as an assistance provider.

The instruments developed by the OSCE could be useful not only in the OSCE region, but could have a global projection as well and be utilized by other interested international and regional organizations, where appropriate.

In this regard, co-ordination of international and regional organizations with 1540 Committee and among themselves, including information sharing, needs to be further strengthened to ensure synergies and complementarity and avoid duplication with a view to increase the effectiveness of assistance provided.

Lastly, further support should be provided to the peer review processes among interested participating States and for training courses of National Points of Contact on UNSCR 1540 and other governmental bodies involved in its implementation. It is recommended to consider holding such courses on a regular basis to maintain awareness of the requirements of the UNSCR 1540 and taking into account the high turnover of the national PoCs personnel.

Thank you for your attention!