



## Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honor to transmit herewith the Suriname National Action Plan for the Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## **SURINAME NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

Suriname is not a producer, possessor or trader in nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. Since the adoption of UNSCR 1540 (2004), Suriname has endeavored to strengthen both laws and practical implementation measures to ensure adherence to the non-proliferation objectives of the resolution.

Suriname's commitment to WMD non-proliferation is also evident in its ratification of all three of the main WMD international treaties: the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention. Suriname continues to make progress in UNSCR 1540 implementation efforts and demonstrates participation in the global effort of countering proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

To further progress UNSCR 1540 implementation, Suriname is in the process of contemplating adoption of a Chemical Weapons Implementation Bill to implement the country's international chemical weapons-related obligations. In this regard, this Bill would specifically address some of the mandatory obligations contained in the operative paragraphs of UNSCR 1540.

UNSCR 1977 (2011) and UNSCR 2325 (2016) encourage all Member States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate, in order to map out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of UNSCR 1540 (2004), and to submit those plans to the 1540 Committee. Suriname remains firmly committed to supporting the objectives of UNSCR 1540 (2004) and submits this National Action Plan both as a demonstration of this commitment and as a way of charting a way forward for further implementation strengthening initiatives.

The primary purpose of this voluntary National Action Plan is to identify actions that can be taken to enhance the capacity of the Government of Suriname to implement UNSCR 1540 (2004) and work with States, the 1540 Committee, donors and technical assistance providers to materialize the plan. It is also intended to be a guidance tool for national stakeholders to work towards meeting the stated objectives.



Suriname has identified three levels of measures to implement the 1540 Resolution:

- Level 1** - Actions that the Government of Suriname may take in the near term with no, or very limited, external support.
- Level 2** - Actions that Suriname may undertake with the support of partners as part of its 1540 technical assistance package as well as the 1540 Committee and other assistance providers.
- Level 3** - Actions that may require additional mobilization of resources for their implementation as well as assistance from other partners.



LEVEL	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES
Level 1	<b>Objective 1: Identify and Coordinate Relevant National Actors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify pertinent actors at the national level collectively responsible for the implementation of obligations related to UNSCR 1540.</li> </ul>	Ministry of Defense.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake a national survey to create a record of all relevant national institutions, sectors, industries and other entities involved in the use of chemical, biological or nuclear materials.</li> </ul>	Coordination by the Ministry of Defense. Data collection by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism and Customs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify individuals and organizations that may be able to provide expertise in implementing 1540 and other international obligations.</li> </ul>	Ministry of Defense.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominate a 1540 national POC.</li> </ul>	Ministry of Defense.
	<b>Objective 2: Review of the Legislative Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the existing legislation.</li> </ul>	Ministry of Justice and the Police in consultation with other relevant Ministries.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to review the Chemical Weapons Implementation Bill.</li> </ul>	Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Justice and Police.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider membership to additional relevant international regimes and conventions.</li> </ul>	Ministry for Foreign Affairs.



LEVEL	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES
Level 2	<p><b>Objective 1: Establish / Strengthen Institutional Frameworks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider establishing an inter-agency mechanism/working group that can competently coordinate all aspects relating to the regulation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and related materials.</li> <li>- Consider establishing National Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Regulatory Authority/-ies.</li> <li>- Review the existing ad hoc division of responsibilities across the various number of national stakeholders, with an aim to eliminate gaps or duplication in terms of implementation responsibilities such as policy, licensing, technical expertise, coordination and international liaison.</li> </ul>	Ministry of Defense.
	<p><b>Objective 2: Strengthening of Legal Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider Legislative Amendments or New Legislation.</li> </ul>	The relevant Ministry/-ies in consultation with the Ministry of Justice and the Police.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form a specialized group of legal and technical experts from relevant institutions, agencies and ministries to evaluate and discuss the recommendations made by UNLIREC and others including those relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>WMD prohibition provisions:</b> Pursue the development of individual pieces of legislation to address the prevention of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons separately.</li> <li>- Provisions could be incorporated that explicitly prohibit non-state actors from manufacturing, acquiring, possessing, developing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical and biological weapons (and their means of delivery).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	National 1540 POC.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Transfers and end-user controls:</b> ensure coverage of export, import, transit, transshipment and re-exports over WMD related materials, as well as end-user controls.</li> <li>- <b>Accounting, physical protection and security measures:</b> Future legislative amendments could also consider strengthening accounting, security and physical protection measures in relation to production, storage, use and transportation of WMD related materials.</li> <li>- <b>Proliferation financing:</b> Consider extending terrorism financing provisions in the <i>Terrorism Criminal Code Amendment (2011)</i> to cover proliferation financing specifically.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Objective 3: Strengthening of Trade Controls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and implement (or strengthen) licensing/end-user control measures and mechanisms.</li> <li>• Introduction of control lists for WMD related dual-use items, their means of delivery and related materials into the legislative architecture.</li> <li>• Draft and adopt control lists for dual-use materials and proliferation sensitive elements.</li> </ul>	<p>Multiple ministries, including: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance (Customs).</p>
	<p><b>Objective 4: Strengthening engagement with national industry and the private sector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disseminate information to the identified actors (see Level 1, Objective 1) on procedures relating to trade controls, as well as shipment and transshipment of chemical, biological and nuclear material.</li> <li>• Develop mechanisms to work with these national stakeholders (universities, laboratories, civil society, private sector) or foster increased collaboration with them.</li> </ul>	<p>Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism and Customs.</p>



LEVEL	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES
Level 3	<p><b>Objective 1: Strengthen Capacity and Training in Several Fields Related to 1540</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore some general training and capacity-building exercises related to international commitments in the area of WMD-related themes, including: Maritime port and airport security and border controls training. (Examples: Transshipment, detection and commodity identification, regional enforcement cooperation, information/intelligence assessment and sharing.)</li> </ul>	Relevant Ministries.
	<p><b>Objective 2: Increasing and Sustaining International and Regional Cooperation and Dialogue with the 1540 Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with 1540 Committee to follow up on assistance offers and update them on progress of 1540 resolutions implementation.</li> <li>• Keep frequent communication with counterparts, such as CARICOM and other 1540 working groups in regional countries.</li> <li>• Submission of periodic national reports as necessary.</li> </ul>	National 1540 POC.
	<p><b>Objective 3: Procurement of Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and source the main equipment (and associated training and maintenance) needs as listed in Annex A.</li> </ul>	Relevant Ministries, coordinated by the Ministry of Defense.

### Annex A: Priority Equipment and Training Needs through funding of International organizations/Donor Countries

Objective	Training/Assistance/Advise	Agency/Ministry	Equipment
Legislation	Formulating national Legislation to address all areas of the nuclear and biological weapons convention	Justice and Police/Defense/ Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery/Health/ Trade, Industry and Tourism	
Improvement of Import and Export Controls	Establishment of a Control- and Focus list	Customs/ Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery	
	How to recognize false import/ export documents	Customs/ Trade, Industry & Tourism	
Capacity Building	Laboratory training in security controls and physical protection	Health/ Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery	
	Training in the disposal of pesticides, chemicals and nuclear/radioactive material	Health/ Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery/NIMOS	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and equipment to safeguard Chemical waste containers
	Training on safe management of seized quantities of materials (relevant in this respect) and the destruction thereof.	Customs/ Trade, Industry and Tourism/NIMOS	Equipment for container scanners and detection of
	Training of residues (pesticides, antibiotics, toxins) in crops, soil, water, meat and dairy products	Health/ Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery	Consumables and reagents for Gas Chromatography (GC) and Liquid Chromatography (LC) analysis
	Training in the awareness, identification, quantification and inspection of biological, chemical, and nuclear substances/material which can be used as WMD	Customs/ Trade, Industry and Tourism/NIMOS/Health/ Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery/ Consumer Affairs	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the identification and quantification of these substances Sensors to detect explosive related compounds
	Training in the identification of dual use goods and risk management	Customs/Trade, Industry and Tourism/Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery/Health/Defense/Justice and Police	
	Participation in seminars and workshops on resolution 1540 abroad	Relevant stakeholders	
Establishment of an interagency group	Creation of a National Authority	Relevant Stakeholders	