

Programme of Work of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

(1 October - 31 December 2005)

The third programme of work of the 1540 Committee covers the period from 1 October to 31 December 2005.

Examination of first reports to be submitted by States and of additional information provided by reporting States

The Committee had received and examined by 1 October 2005 first reports submitted pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) from 122 States and one organization. Based on the examination of these reports the Committee requested from reporting States additional information or clarifications regarding their efforts to implement resolution 1540.

To help fulfil its mandate to report to the Security Council on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the Committee will continue to examine both first reports which will be received from States and additional information to be provided by reporting States.

Establishment of legislative database

The Committee will complete the work underway on the establishment of a database containing links to public sources of relevant information about States' national legislative and other regulatory measures. This information will be used by the Committee in the process of further examination of reports submitted by States.

The database will be updated, as appropriate.

Facilitation of assistance

In further examining the first reports and additional information from States, the Committee will keep up-to-date information on the issue of assistance in order to contribute to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

The Committee will continue to request States, as appropriate, to designate Points of Contact on assistance and to provide detailed information on the implementation of their offers or requests of assistance.

Pursuing further reporting under relevant provisions of resolution 1540 (2004)

The Committee will continue to seek further reporting through interaction with the States that have yet to submit their first national report in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1540 (2004).

The Chairman will continue to raise the issue through informal briefings with Member States that have yet to report and to UN regional groups. He will also reach out to international and regional organizations that could facilitate interaction with Member States on reporting as well as through regional seminars and workshops, as appropriate.

Transparency

Transparency will be maintained as an important objective of the work of the Committee. The Committee will further interact on a regular basis with the United Nations Member States through briefings by the Chair and the Vice-Chairmen, as well as through common briefings with the Chairmen of the CTC and the Al Qaeda/Taliban Sanctions Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267.

The Committee will update regularly its website (<http://disarmament2.un.org/Committee1540>) as a source of additional information on issues related to resolution 1540 (2004).

The Committee will continue to inform organizations outside the United Nations about the Committee's work through attendance at regional and subregional meetings and conferences.

States are encouraged to make direct contact with the Committee's members and its experts to seek any necessary clarification on the issues covered in their correspondence with the Committee or on other related matters: (phone: +1 212 457 1296; fax: +1 212 457 4045; and/or e-mail: 1540experts@un.org). In addition, the 1540 Committee, with the support of its experts, may, when deemed appropriate, contact States to seek further clarification from them on issues arising from their reports.

Cooperation between 1540 Committee and international, regional and subregional organizations, and other Security Council subsidiary bodies

The Committee will continue to cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations in order to seek support for its work, as well as to promote and facilitate, where and as appropriate, the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

The Committee will continue to maintain cooperation with the CTC and the Al Qaeda/Taliban Sanctions Committee, as provided for in resolution 1566 (2004) and S/PRST/2005/16 of 25 April 2005 and S/PRST/2005/34 of 20 July 2005. The Committee's experts will work closely with the experts of the other Committees, seeking to maximize the synergies between and among the other expert groups.

Reporting to the Security Council

The Chairman will report to the Security Council during the month of December on the progress achieved in the work of the Committee in 2005.
