**1540 Committee voluntary assistance request template (2024)**

**Voluntary assistance request template[[1]](#footnote-2)**

**I. 1540 Committee assistance mechanism**

Resolution 1540 (2004) recognizes in its operative paragraph 7 that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of the resolution and encourages States to convey such requests to the Committee established pursuant to the resolution.

In response to formal assistance requests, the Committee facilitates assistance through matching [offers](https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/assistance/offers-of-assistance.shtml)[[2]](#footnote-3) from potential providers of assistance and [requests](https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/assistance/request-for-assistance/current-requests-from-member-states.shtml)[[3]](#footnote-4) for assistance to implement the resolution. More information on the [Committee’s assistance mechanism](https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/assistance/general-information.shtml)[[4]](#footnote-5) can be found on the website of the Committee ([*link*](https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/assistance/general-information.shtml)). The Committee can also be requested for a support in drafting National Reports (NR), voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (vNAP), conducting peer reviews or in drafting/refining assistance requests. Resolution 2663 (2022), in OP16, continues to encourage Member States that have requests for assistance to make use of the Committee’s assistance template to convey them to the 1540 Committee.

The attached voluntary template[[5]](#footnote-6) is intended to serve as a tool for States seeking to submit formal assistance requests to facilitate implementation of their obligations under the resolution and provides the basic information to those that offered assistance to initially consider such requests. This voluntary template may also be used to facilitate consultations between a requesting State, the Committee and/or interested assistance providers. Member States requesting assistance may consider filling the form on the basis of gaps identification in their national [approved 1540 Committee matrix](https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/national-implementation/1540-matrices/committee-approved-matrices.shtml)[[6]](#footnote-7).

States’ request for assistance should be submitted to the Committee by sending a Note Verbale through the requesting State’s Permanent Mission accredited to the United Nations in New York. States are encouraged to make use of the attached voluntary template, or they can choose to send an explanatory memorandum outlining their assistance needs. The Group of Experts, who supports the work of the Committee, can be contacted for further information or to obtain clarifications on assistance through email at [1540experts@un.org](mailto:1540experts@un.org).

All correspondences on the submission of requests for assistance should be addressed to the Chair of 1540 Committee and sent to the address below:

**Chair, 1540 Committee,**

**2 United Nations Plaza, Room DC2-2020**

**United Nations, New York, NY 10017**

**Email: sc-1540-Committee@un.org**

**II. Indicative types of assistance**

* Drafting of national reports; and/or voluntary national implementation action plans;
* Drafting of implementing legislation, regulations and guidelines;
* Training on implementation of regulations, administrative and technical measures;
* Training for regulatory and enforcement officials, administrators for, *inter alia*, on export controls, licensing procedures, border controls, internal controls for related nuclear, chemical and biological materials, the use of equipment, commodity identification and outreach to industry;
* Acquiring equipment, for example detection equipment, licensing software;
* Funding outreach activities, equipment.

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| **Name of Requesting State:** |

**Contact Information:**

Give detailed contact information of the responsible person (s) familiar with the required assistance (e.g. designated 1540 Point of Contact). This helps potential assistance providers and the 1540 Committee to better facilitate the match-making.

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| **Primary point of contact for assistance request:**  Name / Position:  Address:  Phone:  E-mail Address:  **Secondary point of contact for assistance request (if applicable by Member States):**  Name / Position:  Address:  Phone:  E-mail Address:  **Recipient(s) of the assistance:**  (Name of ministry/department, authority, agency) |

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| **Assistance required:[[7]](#footnote-8)** |

**OP 2 - Nuclear Weapons (NW), Chemical Weapons (CW) and Biological Weapons (BW)**

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| **National legislation which prohibits non-State actors[[8]](#footnote-9) to engage in one of the following activities and its enforcement** | | **National legal framework** | | | | | **Enforcement** | | | | |
| **Type of assistance** | **Field** | | | **Comments/details** | **Type of assistance** | **Field** | | | **Comments/details** |
| **NW** | **CW** | **BW** | **NW** | **CW** | **BW** |
|  | **All items below** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **1** | **Manufacture** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **2** | **Acquire** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **3** | **Possess** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **4** | **Develop** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **5** | **Transport** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **6** | **Transfer** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **7** | **Use** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **8** | **Attempt to engage in activities mentioned above** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **9** | **Participate as accomplice in activities mentioned above** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **10** | **Assist in activities mentioned above** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **11** | **Finance activities mentioned above** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **12** | **Activities related to means of delivery[[9]](#footnote-10) mentioned above** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect NW, CW and BW, including Related Materials**

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| **Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of NW, CW, BW, and their means of delivery; controls over related materials** | | **National legal and/or regulatory framework** | | | | | **Enforcement** | | | | |
| **Type of assistance** | **Field** | | | **Comments/details** | **Type of assistance** | **Field** | | | **Comments/details** |
| **NW** | **CW** | **BW** | **NW** | **CW** | **BW** |
|  | **All items below** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **1** | **Measures to account for production** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **2** | **Measures to account for use** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **3** | **Measures to account for storage** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **4** | **Measures to account for transport** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **5** | **Measures to secure production** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **6** | **Measures to secure use** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **7** | **Measures to secure storage** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **8** | **Measures to secure transport** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **9** | **Physical protection measures** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **10** | **Personnel Reliability** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**OP 3 (c) and (d) and related matters from OP 6 - Controls of NW, CW and BW, including Related Materials**

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| **Border controls and export and trans-shipment controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery including related materials** | | **National legal and/or regulatory framework** | | | | | **Enforcement** | | | | |
| **Type of assistance** | **Field** | | | **Comments/details** | **Type of assistance** | **Field** | | | **Comments/details** |
| **NW** | **CW** | **BW** | **NW** | **CW** | **BW** |
|  | **All items below** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **1** | **Border control to detect, deter, prevent and combat illicit trafficking** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **2** | **Law enforcement to detect, deter, prevent and combat illicit trafficking** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **3** | **Border control detection measures** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **4** | **Control of brokering** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **5** | **Export control legislation** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **6** | **Licensing provisions and Authority** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **7** | **Control lists of materials, equipment and technology** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **8** | **Intangible technology transfer controls** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **9** | **Inclusion of means of delivery** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| **10** | **End-user controls** | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  | Outreach | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Draft legislation | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Training | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | Equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
|  |  |  |  | Funding | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

1. The template proposed by the Committee has a voluntary and optional status, making it possible for requesting Member States to use it at their discretion. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/assistance/offers-of-assistance.shtml [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/assistance/request-for-assistance/current-requests-from-member-states.shtml [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/assistance/general-information.shtml [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Voluntary template to be submitted to the Committee in the same format (word). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/national-implementation/1540-matrices/committee-approved-matrices.shtml [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. More detailed information can be provided in the tables below based on the [**Committee approved matrices**](https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/national-implementation/1540-matrices/committee-approved-matrices.shtml) template for facilitating the initial consideration of the request by potential assistance providers and the Committee. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Non-State actor: individual or entity, not acting under the lawful authority of any State in conducting activities which come within the scope of this resolution. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. Means of delivery: missiles, rockets and other unmanned systems capable of delivering nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons that are specially designed for such use. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)