

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)

OPEN BRIEFING FOR MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONCEPT NOTE

ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York,
29-30 October 2025

1. Background

On 28 April 2004, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1540 (2004) under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter which affirms that the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery constitutes a threat to international peace and security. The resolution obliges States, inter alia, to refrain from supporting by any means non-State actors from developing, acquiring, manufacturing, possessing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery.

Paragraph 26 of resolution 2663 (2022) directs the 1540 Committee to convene regular open briefings, at least once a year or as needed, for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations, inter alia, on the margins of the relevant sessions of the General Assembly. Paragraph 3 of resolution 2663 (2022) also decided that the 1540 Committee will conduct a comprehensive review on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) before December 2027.

The open briefing is scheduled to be held at the ECOSOC Chamber of the United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 29 October 2025 (from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM) and 30 October 2025 (from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM).

2. Objectives

In line with operative paragraph 26 of resolution 2663 (2022) and in view of the comprehensive review to take place before December 2027, as specified in paragraph 3 of resolution 2663 (2022), the objectives of the open briefing are:

- Provide a summary of activities of the Committee on all aspects of resolution 1540 (2004), including those undertaken on the Committee's behalf by its Group of Experts, including on assistance matters;
- Provide an opportunity to Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations to present their offers of assistance; and
- Provide an opportunity to Member States to voluntarily share their experiences, lessons learned and best practices regarding implementation.

3. Format

- The open briefing will be conducted in person in accordance with the prevailing arrangements for United Nations conferences.
- The open briefing will begin with a presentation by the Committee's Chair, followed by interventions from Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations.
- A space for an informal interactive dialogue facilitated by the Committee with Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations will be offered on 30 October 2025, just after the formal open briefing. Interpretation will not be available for this dialogue.
- Member States, as well as international, regional and subregional organizations will be invited, through correspondence, to present their offers of assistance or to voluntarily share their experiences, lessons learned and best practices regarding implementation, and will be requested to inform the 1540 Committee of any presentations to be made in this regard.
- The registration for speakers will be made available at the following link: [**Link to be inserted**]. Member States, as well as international, regional and subregional organizations are invited to inscribe **as soon as possible** and no later than 17 October 2025.
- Member States, as well as international, regional and subregional organizations should submit their written statements to sc-1540-committee@un.org and estatements@un.org.
- The slot for these contributions should not exceed **3 minutes**.
- All interventions from the open briefing will be published on the Committee's website.

Annex
**OPEN BRIEFING FOR MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND
SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

Date: 29-30 October 2025

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Opening remarks by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (TBC).

Statement by the Chair of the 1540 Committee: overview of the Committee's activities and status of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Statements by Members of the 1540 Committee
Statements by Member States

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Statements by Member States (continued).

5:00 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

Statements by international, regional and subregional organizations.

5:55 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Summary remarks by the Chair of the 1540 Committee, Adjourn.

Date: 30 October 2025

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Statements by international, regional and subregional organizations (continued, if needed).

Closing Remarks by the Chair of the 1540 Committee.

Informal interactive dialogue with Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations.