

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of Algeria, I extend our sincere gratitude to you, Mr. Chairman, and to the 1540 Committee for convening this open briefing. We appreciate this opportunity to engage in dialogue on the implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004), share experiences, and discuss ways to enhance our collective efforts in preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors.

Algeria reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the full implementation of Resolution 1540. As a country that participated in the process leading to its drafting and adoption while serving as a non-permanent member of the Security Council in 2004, we remain steadfast in our support for its objectives. This commitment is rooted in our firm belief that the total elimination of all weapons of mass destruction is the only absolute guarantee to protect the world from their danger and the most effective way to prevent such weapons and related materials from falling into the hands of non-State actors.

Mr. Chairman,

Algeria has taken concrete steps to fulfill its obligations under Resolution 1540. We have submitted our national reports and regular updates on implementation. Furthermore, we have signed and ratified all international instruments related to weapons of mass destruction, demonstrating our resolute engagement in striving for their implementation to realize their objectives and contribute to international peace and security.

In the spirit of sharing experiences and best practices, as encouraged by this open briefing, I would like to highlight some key areas of Algeria's implementation efforts:

1. We have strengthened our legislative and regulatory framework to criminalize activities related to the weapons of mass destruction.
2. We have enhanced our border and export controls to prevent illicit trafficking of sensitive materials and technologies.
3. We continue to invest in capacity building for our law enforcement and customs officials to effectively implement these measures.
4. We actively participate in regional and international cooperation initiatives to share information and best practices in countering proliferation threats.

Mr. Chairman,

While we acknowledge the progress made globally in implementing Resolution 1540, we also recognize the ongoing challenges, particularly for developing countries. In this regard, Algeria would like to emphasize the following points:

Firstly, we must strike an appropriate balance between the need for peaceful use of technologies and materials for socioeconomic development and the imperative to protect against their misuse. The right to access these technologies and materials for peaceful purposes should be clearly reaffirmed.

Secondly, assistance and cooperation remain instrumental to the universal implementation of Resolution 1540. We call for enhanced international cooperation, particularly in capacity building and addressing resource gaps. We support the idea of providing financial resources to support specific technical assistance requests, especially for developing countries.

Thirdly, we encourage fostering cooperation between the 1540 Committee and regional organizations to achieve a harmonized level of implementation among regions. For Africa, we recommend establishing cooperative relationships with

relevant regional mechanisms such as the Pelindaba Treaty and the African Convention on Preventing and Combating Terrorism.

Lastly, we reiterate the importance of promoting universal adherence to existing relevant international treaties in the domain of non-proliferation and disarmament.

Mr. Chairman,

Algeria stands ready to engage constructively in the ongoing efforts to strengthen the implementation of Resolution 1540. We look forward to fruitful discussions during this open briefing and to contributing to our shared goal of a world free from the threat of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of non-State actors.

Thank you for your attention.