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

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Excellency Ambassador Jose Javier De La Gasca,
Permanent Representative of Ecuador, and Chairperson of
1540 Committee

- 1- Let me extend to you, in your capacity as the chairperson of the UNSC 1540 Committee, our profound appreciation for holding today's open briefing, specially that it coincides with the year of the 20th Anniversary of the adoption of UNSC resolution 1540.
- 2- We welcome the progress achieved, thus far, in the implementation of the resolution including through the work of the Group of Experts, the Committee and the Council. We look forward to an impactful comprehensive review before December 2027.

Chairperson,

- 3- As a traditional leading voice in support of the global non-proliferation and disarmament regime, Egypt reaffirms its full commitment to resolution 1540, as we consider it as a key contribution to non-proliferation efforts by preventing non-state actors, particularly

terrorist individuals and groups, from acquisition of weapons of mass destruction.

- 4- Since the adoption of the resolution, Egypt has undertaken several measures towards its full and effective implementation including in the areas of capacity building and training, data analysis and early warning, and integration into the national comprehensive counter terrorism strategy as well as the national efforts to strengthen oversight over the relevant financial flows and dual use of material and equipment. Egypt submitted four national reports detailing these efforts.
- 5- Egypt stresses the principle of national ownership in implementation, while acknowledging the paramount importance of international cooperation including through financial and technical assistance as well as technology and equipment transfer. We underline also the great relevance of regional cooperation and the important contributions by the African Union and League of Arab States in this context.

Mr. Chairperson,

- 6- The only absolute and most effective guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction is by their total elimination. And in this regard, we remind with the undisputable necessity of establishing a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, as an indispensable asset and prerequisite for international and regional peace and security, and pursuant to numerous Security Council and UNGA resolutions as well as the 1995 Middle East Resolution adopted by the Review Conference of the Treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
- 7- Finally, we reiterate Egypt's view that discussions related to disarmament and non-proliferation, particularly on specific legislative and operational measures, need to take place at inclusive multilateral fora, particularly under the auspices of the UN General Assembly with the participation of all Member States.

I thank you.