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Mr Chair,

Allow me at the outset to thank you for convening this timely and important open briefing of the Security Council's Committee 1540.

• Morocco appreciates the tremendous efforts engaged by the 1540 to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) to non-state actors. This Committee's work enhances international peace and security by preventing WMD access to terrorist groups and monitoring Member States compliance.

• My country fully shares the concerns of the international community regarding the proliferation of WMD. In this regard, Morocco subscribes to all relevant resolutions and decisions on Disarmament and non-proliferation negotiated or concluded under the umbrella of the UN, the IAEA, and the OPCW.

• Morocco was among the first Member States to receive a mission from the Executive Directorate of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) in March 2005, to examine the implementation of the provisions of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), as well as to assess the nature and level of technical assistance required to ensure optimal implementation of this resolution. Since then, Morocco regularly updated its national report, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 1540.

• My country has also adopted **law 42-18 in 2020**, which aims to implement a control mechanism for the export and import of dual-use products by subjecting them to prior authorization. The objective is to ensure the destination and final use of these products, to guarantee their legitimate trade, and to prevent their military uses.

• The aforementioned law establishes, inter alia, the procedures for issuing, modifying, suspending, and revoking export or import licenses for dual-use products, as well as the procedures for reviewing related decisions. It also defines the list of products subject to this control, the license application forms, and the documents to be attached to the applications. **Its control mechanism came into effect in May 2024.**

• Moreover, **a National Commission for dual-use goods and related services has been established to ensure effective coordination in the control of the export of these goods.**

• Recognizing the transnational and complex nature of the threats posed by terrorism and the risk of non-state actors acquiring WMD or their delivery systems, developing, trafficking, or using them, Morocco remains fully committed to addressing

such challenges through active participation in international frameworks designed to enhance collective security.

•This vision is embodied by Morocco's decision to join the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI), an international initiative focused on intercepting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems. In the same spirit, Morocco co-organized jointly with the United States of America, the African Political Meeting of the PSI, held in Marrakech, in February 2024.

•This high-level event provided an opportunity for more than 35 countries, including 25 African nations, to discuss the importance of the African dimension in international cooperation efforts to address new security challenges at both the global and regional levels. It allowed for the review of modern pathways for the proliferation of WMD, improved understanding of obligations regarding the prohibition of WMD, exploration of legal frameworks and best practices from partners, and strengthened the growth and connectivity of the anti-proliferation community in Africa.

To conclude Mr. Chair, Morocco firmly believes that only active international cooperation and appropriate technical assistance, based on the principles of solidarity and shared responsibility and focused on resource mobilization and the exchange of information and experiences, can enhance national capacities to implement Resolution 1540 (2004), particularly in Africa. I can assure you that my country will spare no efforts to fulfill its obligations under resolution 1540 and will pursue its fruitful cooperation with your distinguished Committee.

I thank you