



Republic of Mozambique

STATEMENT

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MOZAMBIQUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL**

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

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Chair,

1. I commend you, Ambassador José Javier de la Gasca, Chair of the 1540 Committee, for convening today's open briefing.
2. These open briefings are essential to advancing the full implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004).
3. They provide a platform for coordinating efforts, sharing best practices, and identifying areas in need of targeted assistance, ensuring that all nations are equipped to meet their obligations and strengthen global security.
4. Furthermore, they foster partnerships at both regional and global levels, furthering our shared goal of preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
5. The Committee, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 28, 2024, continues to be a cornerstone of global security, particularly at a time when the non-proliferation framework faces increasing strain and signs of erosion.
6. Today's discussions, therefore, provide a timely opportunity to reflect on our commitments, renew efforts to counter WMD proliferation, foster

international cooperation, build capacity, and identify tailored assistance where needed.

Chair,

7. The African region has consistently demonstrated its commitment to Resolution 1540.

8. As African States continue to face persistent security challenges, including terrorism, organized crime, and the proliferation of illicit arms, international cooperation tailored to the implementation of Resolution 1540 remains crucial.

9. It is worth recalling that in 2013, the 20th Summit of the African Union reaffirmed the importance of this resolution and called for continued support from the Committee.

10. The AU Peace and Security Council reiterated this call during its 584th and 837th meetings in 2016 and 2019, respectively.

11. Building on these efforts, Points of Contact training courses were held at AU headquarters in Addis Ababa in 2018 and 2019.

Chair,

12. Domestically, Mozambique remains fully committed to implementing Resolution 1540 at the national, regional, and global levels.
13. We have enacted legislative and institutional measures, as outlined in our first report to the Committee, submitted in November 2021.
14. And as an unequivocal sign of our continued engagement, we are honored to co-host the upcoming training course for African 1540 Points of Contact, from November 5–7, 2024, at the UN Conference Center in Addis Ababa.
15. We are grateful for the Chairs confirmed participation, and for the 1540 Committee’s role as co-host and expert facilitator for this event.
16. We also express our appreciation to UNODA for its organizational support, and to the Republic of Korea and the United States for their generous contributions to the UN Trust Fund, which have made this initiative possible.
17. We look forward to strong participation from all African Member States and encourage all Member States to deepen their engagement with the 1540 Committee.

Thank you.