

Norway Statement

Open Briefing for Member States and International, Regional and Subregional Organisations of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540

Chair,

For twenty years, Resolution 1540 has served as an indispensable tool to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as their means of delivery and related materials to non-State actors. It is an excellent example of international cooperation towards our shared goal of establishing a global society, free from WMD terrorism.

We thank the 1540 Committee for organising this Open Briefing. Knowledge of Member States obligations, sharing of lessons learned and best practice is specifically important in this regard. We believe open briefings can be an important tool in reaching the goal of the 1540 resolution. Norway remains fully committed to supporting the effective and universal implementation of the resolution.

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States who require, and request, assistance should receive it. An efficient, regularly updated process, which matches requests with offers of assistance, is essential. We encourage the Committee to continue its outreach activities on the assistance mechanism process.

Norway stands ready to review requests for assistance to States in building capacities and to strengthen national non-proliferation efforts.

The work of international organisations, such as UNODA, INTERPOL, IAEA, OPCW, as well as industry, academia and civil society is an important complement to national implementation efforts. These stakeholders should be included in the Committee's work when relevant. This is particularly important in light of the continually evolving nature of the risk of proliferation, including rapid advances in science, technology and international commerce.

Norway supports the independent role and the work of the Group of Experts (GoE). We encourage the Committee to empower the GoE and better utilize their expertise to ensure full implementation of the resolution.

Chair,

Norway supports the promotion of full, equal, and meaningful participation and leadership of women. During our recent tenure on the Security Council Norway worked systematically with other member states to promote practical ways to enhance women's participation and incorporate gender perspectives into the work of the Committee and implementation of the 1540 resolution. Norway encourages all States to consider practical ways to continue to enhance women's participation and to apply a Women, Peace and Security lens to the implementation of resolution 1540.

Thank you.