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*Distinguished Chair, Excellencies, Colleagues,*

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude for this inaugural open briefing on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540. It is a vital step toward greater transparency and building collective approach to preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) to non-state actors.

Resolution 1540 remains a cornerstone of global non-proliferation efforts. In today's complex security environment, non-state actors continue to seek access to nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. This underscores the ongoing importance of the resolution, which requires our collective vigilance and commitment. I commend the leadership of the 1540 Committee Chairperson H.E. José Javier De La Gasca of Ecuador as well as the work of the 1540 experts, the regional coordinators, and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs' 1540 implementation support unit for their invaluable contributions in this regard.

However, we must acknowledge that the full implementation of Resolution 1540 remains uneven across regions. Strengthening national legal frameworks, enhancing border controls, and securing sensitive materials are challenges many States face. To address this, it is crucial to incentivize implementation by highlighting its broader benefits. Full compliance with the resolution not only bolsters national security but also enhances countries' capacities to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats. Furthermore, effective implementation contributes to broader development goals, fostering stability, economic resilience, and regional cooperation.

In this regard, outreach and collaboration with other international organizations, regional bodies, and civil society are essential. Working together, we can ensure that the implementation of the resolution 1540 strengthens not only global security but also national capacities for sustainable development.

Thank you.