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Mr. Chair,

Romania welcomes this Open Briefing and we commend Ambassador De La Gasca and the 1540 Committee for organizing it.

The 20th anniversary in 2024 of Security Council Resolution 1540 required such an inclusive discussion.

We welcome the engagement of international and regional organizations, but also industry, academia and civil society through such open briefings – all of them are relevant in addressing the threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Mr. Chair,

The 1540 regime needs to remain relevant and effective.

Resolution 1540 is a central pillar of the international non-proliferation architecture and of critical importance to global efforts to prevent the proliferation of WMDs, including to terrorists and other non-state actors.

Unfortunately, since its adoption, the global security environment has severely deteriorated. Cracks in multilateralism, including on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, alongside an expanded availability in sensitive goods, dual-use technologies and know-how related to nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, increase the risk of WMDs proliferation and use.

The 1540 regime needs to remain functional and effective even more so in current circumstances. The norm of non-proliferation must be firmly upheld.

Mr. Chair,

The 1540 regime needs effective implementation.

Since its adoption, Romania actively supported the implementation of Resolution 1540.

We feel proud to have contributed to the initial implementation efforts of Resolution 1540 and to the formative years of the 1540 Committee through its first Chair in 2004 and 2005 and a national expert in its Group of Experts.

Romania implemented the provisions of Resolution 1540 in national legislation. It submitted its initial national report already in 2004 and followed suit with three updates.

The work of the 1540 Committee Group of Experts, including an active outreach, remains of critical importance for the effective implementation of Resolution 1540.

Mr. Chair,

Assistance remains critical in upholding the 1540 regime.

Romania keeps active its offer to assist States lacking the legal and regulatory infrastructure and implementation experience for fulfilling the provisions of Resolution 1540.

Romania has a well-established and effective legal framework on export control and has provided technical assistance not only in its region but also in those countries benefiting of the EU Outreach Programmes to help develop their legislation and national export control systems.

Most recently, on 15 February 2024, Romania informed the 1540 Committee about its availability to assist in the elaboration and the enactment of the relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines for the implementation at national level of the Chemical Weapons Convention following a request by Kenya.

At the same time, Romania actively supports the universal implementation of Resolution 1540 through international and regional organizations, most notably IAEA, OSCE and OPCW.

We are willing to continue to share our experiences and best practices with partners around the world, upon request, in areas such as nuclear security or the implementation at national level of the Chemical Weapons Convention. In cooperation with our partners, we will continue to actively promote cooperation in preventing radiological and nuclear terrorism.

Mr. Chair,

In concluding, Romania remains committed to the effective and universal implementation of Resolution 1540 by fully implementing its obligations and providing technical assistance.

I thank you.