



Res. 1540 Open Briefing
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Mr Chair,

I would like to start by thanking Panama, as the chair of the 1540 Committee, for convening this open briefing today.

The adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 in 2004 under German chairmanship was a key milestone for global non-proliferation and security. It requires all UN member states to take effective legal and administrative measures to prevent the spread of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

Export controls are central to this effort. They help countries manage and monitor the movement of sensitive goods and technology across borders. Without export controls, dangerous materials could easily end up in the wrong hands, including those of non-state actors.

Effective export controls reduce the risk of misuse of dual-use goods without hindering legitimate trade and exchange of technology. By regulating goods that could be diverted for military purposes, export controls help prevent armed conflicts and reduce the risk of terrorism. In today's globalized world, with interconnected technologies and supply chains, such controls are essential to protect people and foster trust among nations.

Germany is strongly committed to international cooperation to ensure an effective implementation of UNSCR 1540. Projects like the Wiesbaden Process and the Erlangen Initiative show how collaborative work can strengthen the global framework. The Wiesbaden Process brings together experts, authorities, and industry to share experiences and develop best practices. The Erlangen Initiative focuses on raising awareness in scientific communities and encouraging new ideas for effective control mechanisms. These efforts help harmonize standards and promote a culture of responsibility worldwide. We look forward to continuing and expanding our support to interested states.

We are grateful for our close cooperation with the UN 1540 Committee and the Panel of Experts. Their support and expertise are vital for implementing Resolution 1540. We regret that it has become more difficult for the panel's experts to participate directly in meetings and discussions. Germany values their contributions and hopes that such collaboration can continue intensively. Because close cooperation remains crucial for building a safer and more secure world for all.

Thank you.