

OSCE's Statement on the Status of Implementation of UNSCR 1540
29 – 30 October 2025

Your Excellency, Mr. Eloy Alfaro de Alba,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I would like **to thank** the 1540 Committee for the invitation and providing the opportunity to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to share progress achieved in the OSCE region on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004) for the past year.

The OSCE participating States view non-proliferation issues as **one of their priorities** and consider the UNSCR 1540 (2004) as an indispensable element of the global, regional and subregional security architecture, although due to the complex security situation in the OSCE region, no dedicated security dialogue on UNSCR 1540 was held this year.

However, in the framework of OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) Decision on “**OSCE's Role in Support of UNSCR 1540 (2004)**”, the OSCE continues to support the leading role and global efforts undertaken by the 1540 Committee by engaging and facilitating participation of the 1540 Committee and its Experts in many OSCE-organized technical meetings and OSCE-supported assistance activities.

Distinguished delegates, allow me to highlight some of recent milestones:

- In **Kyrgyzstan**, as a follow-up to the National Action Plan for 2022–2025, in September 2025, **Annual National Round Table** in Issyk-Kul convened national authorities, experts, and international partners to review implementation progress, assess gaps, and begin preparatory discussion for the 2026–2030 cycle;
- With support from the European Union (Council Decision), and France, the biological safety and security project supports **Ukraine** in addressing challenges in the life sciences domain;
- The OSCE continues to coordinate with the 1540 Committee, UNODA, and other technical and regional organizations, ensuring complementarity of assistance, transparency, and avoidance of duplication;
- The OSCE's modus operandi, combining policy dialogue, regional coordination and technical support, remains an effective bridge between global norms and national action.

In order to strengthen the network of national **Points of Contact (PoCs)** on UNSCR 1540, the OSCE maintains an updated PoC directory, fosters information-exchange, and plans to organize a specialized training course for the PoCs in the beginning of 2026, jointly with the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts.

Lastly, the OSCE has furthered its co-operation with the UNODA, by extending the **Memorandum of Understanding** between our two organizations, until October 2026, as well as concluded **Cost-Sharing Agreement** related to EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/654 of 20 March 2023 *In support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery*.

Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

In closing, let me reaffirm that the OSCE's efforts to facilitate implementation of UNSCR 1540 remain an important tool: responsive, adaptable, and grounded in regional realities. Upon the request of national authorities, OSCE assistance helps translate obligations into sustainable national measures.

The OSCE remains a valuable platform for dialogue, mutual learning, and providing technical assistance in the OSCE region. We believe that many of the instruments, practices, and lessons developed in our region may have broader applicability and value for interested States and regional organizations worldwide.

To strengthen this collaborative endeavor, greater coordination among the 1540 Committee, UNODA, regional organizations, and other donors is essential in order to enhance synergies, avoid duplication, and maximize impact. In this context:

- We encourage renewed and sustained support for **peer review processes** among States, which yield mutual learning and have proven as a valuable tool in the implementation process in the wider OSCE region;
- It is vital to continue and expand **regular training programs for national PoCs** and broader national stakeholders to maintain institutional memory, especially given personnel turnover;
- We underline the importance of **stable funding modalities**, beyond ad hoc extra-budgetary grants to enable predictable, consistent assistance and long-term planning.

As we look ahead to the upcoming Comprehensive Review, the OSCE stands ready to further step up its role, in partnership with the 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts, UNODA, interested participating States, and other international actors as well as donors, in supporting continuous dialogue, technical implementation, innovation, and best practices in the face of evolving challenges.

Thank you for your attention!