

**UNSCR 1540 Open Briefing**  
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**Statement of Pakistan**

**Mr. Chair,**

I thank you for convening today's open briefing and your statement. I welcome fellow Member States as well as representatives of international organizations. We look forward to their active participation in this open briefing.

2. In our view international instruments on disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation should be developed through multilaterally negotiated instruments, including through the Conference on Disarmament. This approach ensures inclusivity and the application of universally agreed principles including equal and undiminished security for all States.

3. In 2004, Pakistan actively participated as a Security Council member and contributed to the formulation and negotiation of resolution 1540.

4. The potential for non-state actors to acquire and use WMDs not only threatens national security but also undermines international peace and stability. Resolution 1540 plays a pivotal role in the global framework for preventing the proliferation of WMDs.

5. Given the current global scenario marked by numerous conflicts, tensions, and security challenges, the promotion of non-proliferation efforts is more crucial than ever. The changing nature of non-state actors and terrorist activities underscores the importance of strengthening voluntary international cooperation and collaborative efforts to achieve the common goal of effectively implementing the resolution 1540. Moreover, as science, technology, and global trade continue to evolve, member states must stay abreast of these developments to effectively implement the resolution.

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6. As a responsible state, Pakistan has consistently upheld international non-proliferation norms and ensured compliance with resolution 1540. Over the years, Pakistan has implemented robust measures, including legal frameworks, export control regulations, and physical protection mechanisms, to prevent the proliferation of WMDs.

7. For the implementation of resolution 1540, Pakistan has so far submitted six reports, including the comprehensive matrix. We have also offered technical assistance to several countries to help implement resolution 1540 and lent our support for the promotion of regional cooperation for effective implementation of the resolution. We have hosted a "Regional Seminar on implementation of 1540" to share best practices and national experiences.

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Multilateral export control regimes could play a crucial role in strengthening global non-proliferation efforts. These regimes must avoid cartelization and should not be seen as exclusive clubs prioritizing political and commercial interests. Effective non-proliferation requires a non-discriminatory, objective, and criteria-based approach.

Furthermore, non-proliferation efforts, important in their own right, must not impede international cooperation in the peaceful uses of dual-use technologies, which is vital for the economic development of developing countries. All countries retain their inalienable right to utilize nuclear energy and technologies for peaceful purposes, consistent with their respective non-proliferation and international legal obligations.

**Mr. Chair,**

Non-proliferation is a global objective. It must be promoted within the framework of the principles of the UN Charter. Pakistan would continue to promote the objectives of the 1540 resolution.

**I thank you.**