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Statement by Portugal

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Chair,

Portugal aligns with the statement of the European Union and wishes to make a few remarks in its national capacity.

We thank Ambassador Alfaro de Alba for ably leading this Committee, for organizing this open briefing and for his work regarding the future comprehensive review process on the status of implementation of Resolution 1540.

Chair,

Avoiding the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction – whether nuclear, chemical, biological, or radiological – is and must remain one of the fundamental priorities of the UN and the international community at large.

Over 10 years ago, when it unanimously adopted Resolution 1540, the Security Council rightly recognized that proliferation challenges are posed not only by State but also increasingly by non-State actors.

It is reassuring to witness that, even 10 years later, all members of the Security Council still recognize the importance of this Resolution, as was demonstrated last August during the annual briefing.

Given the unanimous commitment to this Resolution, we hope that the issue of appointments to the Group of Experts can be solved and the Group can resume its work.



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Regarding the Committee itself, Portugal offers three recommendations: first, include in its agenda new and emerging challenges, including those related to AI; second, further cooperate with civil society and the private sector; third, rely on synergies with other parts of the UN system, including the General Assembly's First Committee and UNODA.

Chair,

Portugal stands ready to cooperate with the 1540 Committee.

Last year, together with Angola, we provided national experts for workshops in the context of the Committee's visit to São Tomé e Príncipe.

Our national experts also integrate the roster of the Secretary-General's Mechanism for Investigation of Alleged Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons.

They also contribute to initiatives – organized in partnership with UNODA, OPCW as well as the BWC's Implementation Support Unit – related to capacity-building and sharing best practices with partners from the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries.

In complement to our National Authorities on the Prohibition of Nuclear Tests and on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which develop extensive cooperation programs, the establishment of a new National Authority on the Prohibition of Biological Weapons is currently underway.

Chair,

To conclude, Portugal reaffirms its commitment to continue implementing Resolution 1540 and calls on members of the Security Council to continue supporting the work of this Committee.

I thank you.

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