

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

**Event:** National Introductory Workshop on the Development of a Voluntary National Action Plan for the Implementation of UNSCR 1540(2004)

**Organizer:** Government of Thailand

**Date and Venue:** 10-12 October 2023, Bangkok, Thailand

**Participants:** Representatives from institutions of Thailand, International representatives: Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA), BWC-ISU, Center for Information on Security Trade Control (CISTEC), European Commission/EU-P2P, IAEA, Interpol, OPCW, UNICRI, UNODA, UNODC, UNOCT, WCO, experts from Cambodia, Lao PDR (1540 PoC), Mongolia (1540 PoC), the Philippines, Singapore (Global Trade Security Consulting (GTSC)) and South Korea (Korean Security agency of Trade and Industry (KOSTI)), Pacific Forum, and experts of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004). Embassies: Embassy of France in Thailand - Embassy of Japan in Thailand – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan - Embassy of USA in Thailand

### **Background**

In notes dated 22 June 2023 (S/AC.44/2023/NOTE.84 of 27 June 2023) and 15 August 2023 (S/AC.44/2023/NOTE.84/Add.1 16 August 2023) addressed to the Chair of the 1540 Committee, the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations invited the 1540 Committee to participate in a National Introductory Workshop on the Development of a Voluntary National Action Plan for the Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004). The purpose of the workshop was to serve as a basis for the development of a Voluntary National Implementation Action Plan on resolution 1540 (2004). The event aimed to bring together representatives from relevant ministers, governmental agencies, and relevant international and regional organisations, with the objectives to: enrich the understanding of the participants of UNSCR 1540 (2004), including its objectives, obligations, and inter-relation with international and regional legally binding instruments on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and other related regimes and organisations; take stock of Thailand's efforts to implement UNSCR 1540 (2004), including relevant laws, regulations, frameworks, and institutional arrangements to identify gaps, priorities, and results to be achieved through the envisaged action plan; and impart in-depth knowledge of border and export controls as called for in UNSCR 1540 (2004).

This Workshop was of relevance to resolution 1540 (2004) as follows:

- Resolution 1540 (2004) recognizes that most States have undertaken binding legal obligations under treaties to which they are parties, or have made other commitments aimed at preventing the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, and have taken effective measures to account for, secure and physically protect sensitive materials.
- Operative paragraph 1 of resolution 1540 (2004) requires States to refrain from providing any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery. Under operative paragraph 2, States are obliged to adopt and enforce appropriate and effective

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laws prohibiting such activities by non-State actors on their territories. Operative paragraph 3 requires States to take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons and their means of delivery, including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials. This includes measures to account for and secure such items in production, use, storage or transport; effective physical protection measures; effective border controls and law enforcement efforts; national export and trans-shipment controls over such items, including appropriate laws and regulations to control export, transit, trans-shipment and re-export and controls on providing funds and services related to such export and trans-shipment such as financing, and transporting that would contribute to proliferation, as well as end-user controls; and criminal or civil penalties for violations of such export control laws and regulations.

- Resolution 1540 (2004) recognizes that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of this resolution within their territories and invites States in a position to do so to offer assistance as appropriate in response to specific requests to the States lacking the legal and regulatory infrastructure, implementation experience and/or resources for fulfilling the above provisions.

- Operative paragraph 8 of resolution 2663 (2022) encourages States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation action plans, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee and its expertise as appropriate, mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit these plans to the 1540 Committee.

- Operative paragraph 12 of resolution 2663 (2022) reiterates the Security Council's decision that the 1540 Committee shall continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004) ... noting the need for more attention on: enforcement measures; measures relating to biological, chemical and nuclear weapons; accounting for and securing related materials; and national export and transshipment controls.

- Furthermore, operative paragraph 25 of resolution 2663 (2022) requests the 1540 Committee to continue to organize and participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at..., as appropriate, national level, including, as appropriate, inviting parliamentarians..., and promote the refinement of these outreach efforts to focus on specific thematic... issues related to implementation.

### **Highlights**

The workshop brought together nearly 30 Thai officials from 15 different national entities in charge of security, external relations, trade, energy, customs, health, science and technology and others. Together with roughly 20 IROs, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and representatives of some States, the active engagement of all participants, in an in-presence format or remotely, contributed to the success of this event with the objective to support the full and effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by Thailand.

The event provided a fruitful platform for Thailand to analyze the current status of implementation of the resolution, prioritize its actions and coordinate amongst its government authorities. It also provided an opportunity for international actors participating partners to understand better Thailand's implementation needs and engage in tailor made dialogues.

### **Additional Comments**

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