

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

**Event:** National Roundtable on Prioritizing Items found in Mongolia's 1540 National Action Plan

**Organizer:** Government of Mongolia, United Nations Office for Disarmament (UNODA), and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

**Date and Venue:** 6-8 December, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

### **Participants:**

Representatives of Mongolia National Counterterrorism Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Customs General Authority, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, National Emergency Management Agency, Nuclear Energy Commission, General Authority for Specialized Inspection, Institute of Strategic Studies and other relevant agencies

Representatives of the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA), the Japanese Embassy in Mongolia, the United States Export Control and Related Border Security Program (EXBS)

Representatives of UNSCR 1540 Committee, World Customs Organization (WCO), United Nations' Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

### **Background**

- UNSC resolution 2325 (2016) re-emphasized the importance for all States to implement fully and effectively resolution 1540 (2004) and called upon all States to intensify their efforts to achieve full implementation of that resolution. It also encouraged States to prepare on a voluntary basis national implementation action plans, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee as appropriate, mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit these plans to the Committee;
- Resolution 2325 (2016) also urged the Committee to continue strengthening its role in facilitating technical assistance for implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in particular by engaging actively in matching offers and requests for assistance. Resolution 2325(2016) also encouraged the Committee to develop, in collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations, assistance projects to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) in order to facilitate the prompt and direct response to assistance requests.

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- In May 2020, by means of a letter dated 5 May 2020, the Government of Mongolia requested support on drafting the list of dual-use items and monitoring. In an additional assistance request dated 20 August 2020, the Government of Mongolia requested financial and technical support on establishing a third-grade laboratory on Biosecurity as well as a technical support for drafting a national report.
- From 18-20 May 2021, upon the invitation of UNRCPD and approval by the Committee, two representatives from the Group of Experts participated in the national roundtable webinar series on Strengthening the Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004) in Mongolia. The objectives of the webinar series were to improve the understanding of Mongolia's national stakeholders of the obligations under resolution 1540 (2004); review an existing draft 1540 National Implementation Action Plan (NAP) and finalize a new version; and identify further assistance.
- In a letter dated 25 April 2022, Mongolia submitted its action plan for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) to the Committee.
- In a letter dated 18 November, 2022, Mr Tugs-Ochir Jantsan, Secretary-General and Head of the Executive Office of the National Counter-Terrorism Council of Mongolia, invited the Committee to participate in the National Roundtable on Prioritizing Items found in Mongolia's 1540 National Action Plan.

### **Highlights**

Mr Tugs-Ochir Jantsan, Secretary-General and Head of the Executive Office of the National Counter-Terrorism Council of Mongolia (NCTC) delivered the opening statement. He stated that resolution 1540 (2004) was a critical tool for all the countries to install peace and stability around the world. National implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) should be reviewed through global perspective. Mongolia submitted its national implementing reports in 2014 and 2015 and submitted the voluntary national implementation action plan in 2022. A task force was established to analyse existing legislation, needs and requirements, and identify primary actions. The issue of export control was high on the agenda and Mongolia set forth goal to develop the list of dual use items. He expressed the hope that the roundtable could provide an opportunity for Mongolia and assistance providers to identify priority actions in implementing resolution 1540 (2004). And post the event, the very specific actions could be taken to update its action plan.

Mr Kikuma Shigeru, chargés d'Affaires of the Embassy of Japan in Mongolia also delivered a statement at the opening session. He pointed out that year 2022 marked 50 years of diplomatic relationship between Japan and Mongolia and both countries agreed to upgrade the partnership to special strategic partnership of peace and prosperity. He commended the event as a contribution to the newly upgraded bilateral relationship. He said that after 18 years of adoption, resolution 1540 (2004) was still of continuous relevance. Japan had donated 1 million USD to global trust fund against proliferation. Japan was to Chair the G8 in 2023 and would place the promoting of resolution 1540 as its priority in the G8 framework.

Ms Amanda Cowl, UNODA regional coordinator on resolution 1540 for Asia and Pacific Region also delivered a statement. She reiterated UNODA's readiness to collaborate with other partners, in collaboration with 1540 Committee and its Group of experts, to promote the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

The participating 1540 Committee Expert gave presentations on resolution 1540 (2004) and its assistance mechanism.

The participants discussed Mongolia's developments in implementing resolution 1540 (2004), identified prioritized items in its national action plan and discussed next ways forward. The participants from Germany BAFA, US EXBS, WCO, OSCE and UNODA introduced their relevant programmes and possible assistance that could be provide to Mongolia in facilitating its implementation of the resolution.

**Additional Comments**

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