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H.E. Mr. Oh Joon
Chair
Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540(2004)
United Nations
New York

Excellency,

Further to your letter reference number S/AC.44/2013/OC.85 dated 6 November 2013, regarding your request for the Government of the United Arab Emirates to inform the 1540 Committee of its relevant effective experience, lessons learned and effective practice, in the area covered by the SCR 1540 (2004), I would like to inform you that the UAE has supported the efforts aimed at implementing the provisions of SCR 1540 through enacting national legislation on curbing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the illicit use of related materials. Some of the most important of these laws are:

- Federal Act No. (40) of 2006 on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and its amendments.
- Federal Act No. (13) of 2007 on Goods Subject to Import and Export Control and its amendments.
- Federal Act No. (6) of 2009 on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.



These laws include articles that regulate the authorization and licensing for the circulation and utilization of dual-use materials, and impose control provisions upon them. They also include lists of strategic materials and goods designated by the organizations and bodies competent for limiting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, as well as punitive measures that could be imposed for breaching these legislations.

Additionally, the UAE Cabinet issued decree No. (3/299) of 2009 on the establishment of the Committee for Goods and Material Subject to Import and Export Control and its executive office in order to implement the provisions of the national legislation outlined above, on curbing proliferation.

The Committee and its executive office work together in controlling strategic and dual-use materials and goods, in cooperation with the federal bodies and institutions and related local constituencies in the UAE, through establishing lists of these strategic materials and goods annexed to the national legislations, referred to as “restricted lists” in the electronic systems. The Committee and its executive office also work to prevent the import, export, re-export or transfer of such materials and goods, unless authorization is issued to allow the process.

Further, the Committee and the executive office work with the relevant international organizations and bodies to implement their international resolutions and decisions in maintaining international peace and security.

These domestic legal and international measures are the cornerstone of the UAE’s national efforts regarding the non proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. We remain committed to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and look forward to continued cooperation with the Committee and its Group of Expert on this issue.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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