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The Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and the United States Mission to the United Nations present their compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and have the honour to provide to the Committee the attached Joint EU-U.S. Declaration regarding UN Security Council Resolutions 1540 and 1977, signed on October 19, 2011. The United States and the European Union would welcome the posting of the Joint Declaration to the Committee's website.

The Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and the United States Mission to the United Nations avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) assurances of its highest consideration.



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## **Joint EU – US declaration regarding UN Security Council Resolutions 1540 and 1977**

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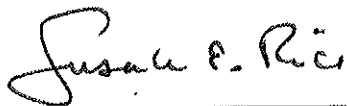
The European Union and the United States of America reconfirming their commitment towards the full and comprehensive implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions 1540 and 1977; Recognizing the need for strengthening the role and capacity of the 1540 Committee;

Underlining shared responsibility and attracting continuous attention to undertakings aimed at reaching the goals listed by these resolutions;

Have come together to a conclusion that in order to adequately respond to UNSCR 1977, which significantly strengthens the mandate of UNSCR 1540, efforts and attention should be focused on:

- 1) Support of UNODA's and other selected United Nations activities such as identifying roles for regional or sub-regional organizations in implementing the resolution, supporting countries in developing legislation needed to control WMD-related materials, and developing training programs through the UN directly relevant to the resolution and its implementation.
- 2) Adaptation of the 1540 Committee in order to respond more adequately to requests from states for assistance; improve its ability to match those seeking assistance with those able to provide it; and better empower the Committee to promote universal implementation of resolution 1540.
- 3) The EU and the US would continue to work on concrete measures aimed at full implementation of UNSCR 1540 and 1977.
- 4) The European Union and the United States intend to work together in accordance with operative paragraph 11 of UNSCR 1977 to reinforce measures for domestic visits to states by the 1540 Committee's Group of Experts in order to gather and share information regarding effective practices for implementing the resolution.

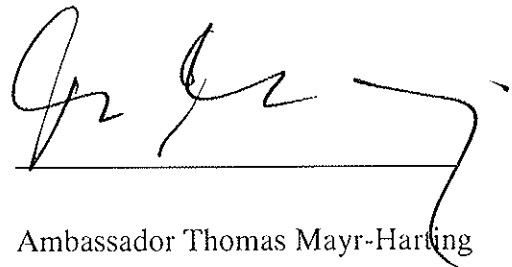
5) The European Union inter alia supports UNSCR 1540 through council decisions and through other initiatives such as the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative. The United States announced in March 2011 that it has provided a voluntary contribution to the UN's Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities to help better resource select UN activities. We encourage all UN Member States in a position to do so to make similar contributions to this Trust Fund in order to support the 1540 Committee in its assistance efforts.



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