

**Joint Statement on
Promoting Full and Universal Implementation of
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)**

2014 Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague

Noting the 10th anniversary in 2014 of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004), and recalling the 2010 Washington Nuclear Security Summit Communiqué and Work Plan, the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit Communiqué, and the follow-up resolutions of UNSCR 1540, particularly UNSCR 1977 (2011), which underscored the important role of UNSCR 1540 in strengthening -global nuclear security.

We, the Governments of Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States, with the support of the United Nations, reaffirm our commitment to full and universal implementation of UNSCR 1540, including the implementation of obligations to enhance the security of nuclear materials worldwide in line with the objectives of the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit. We reiterate our support for the activities of the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to UNSCR 1540 (hereinafter “1540 Committee”) and the Group of Experts. We also reaffirm our commitment to fully implement UNSCR 1540 in our respective states, in areas where we have not already done so, and further undertake to:

- Consider providing additional and ongoing assistance to requesting states in implementing their 1540 obligations, wherever possible and in close coordination with the 1540 Committee, with a view to achieving full global implementation of the nuclear security elements of UNSCR 1540 by the next comprehensive review of UNSCR 1540 in 2016;
- Examine options for funding UNSCR 1540 regional and sub-regional coordinator positions within international and regional organizations, as appropriate, in order to facilitate regional approaches to assisting states in implementing their nuclear security relevant UNSCR 1540 obligations, in line with the focus on regional implementation outlined in UNSCR 1977;
- Consider hosting and contributing to regional and sub-regional capacity building events, as required, as a means to support UNSCR 1540 implementation, as well as to encourage and where possible support the participation in these events of states requiring assistance with UNSCR 1540 implementation;
- Consider opportunities to provide support and resources for the work of the 1540 Committee and its programmes, including, to the extent possible, voluntary financial contributions;
- Consider preparing and submitting to the 1540 Committee, national implementation action plans, as encouraged by paragraph 8 of resolution 1977 (2011), in order to map out our national priorities for UNSCR 1540 implementation, including those which support the objectives of the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit, and share these action plans with other States through the 1540 Committee website, and assist other States in developing and implementing such plans upon request;
- Strengthen efforts to encourage States that have not yet submitted their first report on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 to do so as soon as possible, including through bilateral dialogues, outreach efforts in regional and multilateral organizations, and where possible by providing assistance to States that request it, with a view to achieving universal reporting;
- Report on the progress of our efforts at regular intervals in relevant fora, such as the United Nations, the 1540 Committee and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Material of Mass Destruction, the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, and in other international and regional meetings and events; and
- Take these commitments into account when providing information for the comprehensive reviews of the 1540 Committee in 2016 and 2021.