

## **Talking Points for the Joint Briefing of three counter-terrorism committees to the Security Council**

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I have the honour to brief the Security Council on the most recent activities undertaken by the 1540 Committee and to outline its future efforts to promote compliance by all states with resolution 1540 (2004) through the achievement of the implementation of its requirements.

### **Status of Reporting on Implementation of UNSCR 1540**

#### *Reporting and non-reporting States*

As of 20 September 2006 132 Member States and one organization have submitted their first national reports to the Committee. Fifty nine States have yet to submit their first report, since Montenegro which has recently joined the UN as an independent State submitted its first report together with Serbia.

Facilitation of reporting and conduct of outreach activities to promote States' implementation of resolutions 1540 (2004) and 1673 (2006) will remain among the top priorities of the work of the Committee. With respect to reporting, the Committee intends to approach again all UN Member States that have yet to submit a first report, through a letter with the attached matrix and respective legislative database, in order to facilitate the preparation of their first national reports.

#### *Provision of additional information*

In response to the request by the Committee following its examination of first national reports, so far 84 States provided additional information.

### **Outreach activities**

#### *Beijing*

The Committee, with the support of Member States and the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs, continued through the period its outreach activities to promote States' implementation of resolutions 1540 and 1673. The first seminar on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 in the Asia/Pacific region was held on 12 -13 July 2006 in Beijing, China.

This seminar was attended by 70 participants from 23 countries of the region, other States members of the Security Council and international organizations (IAEA, OPCW).

The chairman and two experts of the Committee attended the seminar and made presentations on the following topics: the status of regional implementation of UNSCR 1540; prohibitions in the UNSCR 1540 vis-à-vis international treaties and conventions; implementation measures to account, secure, physically protect nuclear, chemical and biological materials and means of delivery; implementation and national experience related to export controls and on how to use the matrix as a planning tool for providing and receiving assistance.

#### *Yokohama*

The Chairman addressed the 18<sup>th</sup> United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 21 to 23 August 2006. He provided a broad overview of the Committee's activities and reviewed the current implementation status of UNSCR 1540.

Two regional seminars on the implementation of UNSC resolution 1540 in Africa and in Latin America and the Caribbean will be organized in November this year in Ghana and in Peru.

## *Ghana*

A first seminar on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 in Africa will be held in Accra, Ghana, on 9-10 November 2006 co-sponsored by the European Union and with the support of the DDA.

## *Peru*

A seminar on implementing UNSCR 1540 in Latin America and the Caribbean regions will be held in Lima, Peru on 27-28 November 2006, co-sponsored by the EU with support of the DDA and its regional center in Lima. This seminar will be a follow up to the regional seminar held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in September 2005 and discussion will be focused on major developments, challenges and lessons learned since then.

## *Vienna (OSCE)*

In addition, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe will hold on 8 November 2006 a workshop in Vienna on implementing of the UNSCR 1540 (2004). The primary focus of the workshop will be on furthering UNSCR 1540 implementation through identifying how the OSCE members can develop their own national implementation plans.

## *Prioritizing outreach activities*

The Committee will continue its practice of informing intergovernmental organizations outside the UN about its work at relevant meetings and conferences. The Chairman will make full use of these opportunities to address, in particular, issues of implementation and reporting. The Chairman wishes to express his gratitude to Member States and the OPCW and the IAEA for their support in these outreach activities of the Committee.

## **Database**

As part of the Committee's efforts to promote information sharing concerning States' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the Committee developed a database to provide additional information on the laws, regulations and other measures related to States' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and to facilitate the exchange of information on the implementation efforts of States. The Committee is continuously updating this legislative database.

The database is available on the Committee's official website and contains links to public sources of relevant information about legislative and other regulatory measures of States that have submitted reports on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

The Committee will encourage States to make appropriate use of the background information provided through this database as well legislative advice provided by international organizations, when enacting national implementation laws and measures.

## **Cooperation**

### *With other relevant UNSC Committees*

The 1540 Committee and its experts continued to maintain close cooperation with the CTC and the 1267 Committee. As part of these efforts, the groups of experts of the three Committees have prepared and submitted to their respective Chairmen a joint paper on a common strategy dealing with non-reporting/late reporting States (NRS/LRS) based on the useful experience gained from the New Zealand assistance program.

### *With other relevant organizations*

The Committee will continue to interact and cooperate with relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations in order to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

## **Assistance**

The Committee will continue to act as a clearing house on assistance, including by collecting up-to-date information on this issue and by informally contacting States to enquire whether they might be interested in receiving information on offers and requests for assistance.

In its future work the Committee, through its experts, will also continue to identify national practices in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) that might be used in providing further general and specific guidance upon request, to States seeking legislative assistance in implementing the resolution. The Committee will invite both States making offers of assistance and States requesting assistance to take a proactive approach on a bilateral basis, including making use of offers by international organizations, in order to contribute to capacity-building.

## **New programme of work**

A draft programme of work, which will cover all aspects of resolutions 1540 (2004) and 1673 (2006), is currently under consideration by the Committee. It will also reflect the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee to the Security Council of 25 April 2006 (S/2006/257).

On behalf of the Committee, I look forward to the cooperation of all States as the Committee goes forward with its future work.