

**Briefing to the Security Council by the Chair of the Security Council Committee
established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on 14 November 2024**

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I am honored to report on progress made in supporting States' implementation of the resolution since our last joint briefing on 15 November 2023. Additionally, as mandated by Operative Paragraph 22 of resolution 2663(2022), I will summarize the 1540 Committee's cooperation with the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, and the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC).

Resolution 1540 remains a vital component of the global non-proliferation architecture to prevent non-State actors from gaining access to weapons of mass destruction. The devastating and potentially catastrophic consequences that could arise from the use of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons by such actors remain a matter of serious concern to the international community.

States have made significant progress towards the full implementation of the resolution, as the 1540 Committee has identified through the 2022 Comprehensive Review process. Nevertheless, more work should be done and the full and effective implementation of resolution 1540 remains a long-term task.

While the mandate of the 1540 Committee differs from the other two Committees, the 1540 Committee has continued to carry out its mandate in the framework of Operative Paragraph 22 of resolution 2663 (2022), including enhanced information-sharing and considering of opportunities to coordinate on visits to Member States, within the three Committees' respective mandates, and has briefed the Security Council jointly with these two Committees accordingly every year, as is the present case.

After the renewal of the Committee's mandate for a further ten years, until 30 November 2032, under resolution 2663 (2022), the Committee has continued to conduct activities to promote the full and effective implementation of the resolution and to assist Member States, upon request, in strengthening national capacity. In June 2024, the Committee reached out to non-reporting Member States to encourage them to submit a first report on implementation of the resolution to the 1540 Committee without delay, as stipulated in Operative Paragraph 6 of resolution 2663 (2022). The Committee has participated in 32 outreach events organized by Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations and relevant civil society. The Committee co-organized a regional resolution 1540 POC training course for the Asia and Pacific region held in Beijing, China, in June 2024, in cooperation with the Government of China and supported by UNODA, and another regional POC training course for Africa held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in November 2024, in cooperation with Mozambique and supported by UNODA.

Since 2004, 185 countries have submitted reports to the Committee with information on the measures they have taken, or plan to take, to implement resolution 1540 (2004). In total, 155 Member States have nominated their National Points of Contact to the Committee, with nine of them designating their POCs for the first time in the past year.

The effectiveness of the practical steps taken by Member States to implement the resolution is important, and one of the measures States can consider in this respect is to develop voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (vNAPs), as again encouraged by resolution 2663 (2022). These help to identify Member States' priorities and their plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), including by identifying actions to take regarding regulations and national control frameworks, fostering interagency cooperation, and identifying areas where assistance may be required. 38 Member States have now submitted a total of 47 such plans to the Committee since 2007.

The Committee plays an important role in facilitating assistance to Member States to fulfil their 1540 obligations by matching assistance requests from Member States with offers of assistance, from other States or from international, regional or subregional organizations (IROs), and other arrangements. In October 2024, the Committee sent correspondence to Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations, and other arrangements, inviting those in a position to offer assistance to States seeking assistance, to do so as stated in paragraph 7 of resolution 1540 (2004), as well as to update their assistance offers, as appropriate. During the reporting period, two Member States provided feedback on the status of their assistance requests and four Member States submitted new or updated assistance requests. In addition to facilitating assistance requests, the Committee continued to engage with States at their invitation to discuss national reporting, voluntary National Implementation Action Plans, Committee matrices and assistance on implementation measures. The Committee also continues to use its website for outreach to the public.

To support implementation of its obligations under resolution 1540, the Committee continues its activities in accordance with the 21st Programme of Work. It held eight formal meetings and two informal consultations in 2024.

Additionally, in accordance with Operative Paragraph 26 of resolution 2663 (2022), the Committee convened an open briefing for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations in October 2024. The briefing provided a summary of the activities of the Committee on all aspects of resolution 1540, including on assistance matters. Furthermore, the open briefing provided an opportunity for Member States and IROs to present their offers of assistance, and for Member States to voluntarily share their experiences, lessons learned and best practices regarding implementation. The national statements reflected a strong commitment to non-proliferation and the implementation of effective national legislation to prevent non-State actors from acquiring capabilities related to weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). Many Member States emphasized the importance of international cooperation and the need for capacity building and assistance to enhance their capabilities. There was a common focus on establishing

and maintaining robust controls over materials related to WMDs to prevent their illicit trafficking. Overall, the statements highlighted a collective effort to strengthen global security through comprehensive and coordinated measures. Interventions by IROs highlighted their collective efforts to support resolution 1540 by promoting non-proliferation norms, offering technical assistance, and enhancing Member State capacity to prevent the proliferation of WMDs. Common themes included fostering cooperation on export controls, securing related materials, and sharing best practices to bolster national and regional measures. The statements reflected a shared commitment to strengthening global security through preventive measures and multilateral collaboration. The Committee will continue to work towards further increasing the effectiveness of such events.

Recognizing the importance of further developing and strengthening the 1540 Committee's communications to increase transparency and to better disseminate information to support Member States in their implementation of resolution 1540, the 1540 Committee completed an update of the 1540 Committee's website. The update provides a streamlined navigation approach, while organizing the structure in line with the Committee's programme of work.

I would like to underline that a cooperative approach and dialogue with the Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, and other arrangements continue to be cornerstones of the 1540 Committee's activities. In that context, in April 2024, the Committee sent correspondence to international, regional and subregional organizations, and other arrangements in accordance with Operative Paragraph 23 of resolution 2663 (2022), to provide an update on their Point of Contact or Coordinator for resolution 1540 (2004), and to encourage them to enhance cooperation and information sharing with the 1540 Committee and Member States on assistance.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide this briefing.