

**Joint Briefing by the Security Council Committees established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2001)**

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**Briefing by Ambassador Claude Heller, Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)**

In addition to the information presented in the Joint Report, I am very pleased as Chairman of the 1540 Committee to summarize the main developments in the work of the Committee since the last joint briefing on 11 May 2010. I would like to update the Security Council on the recent activities of the Committee, highlighting the growing cooperation between the Committee and international organizations, and the increased standardization of our work practices regarding implementation, assistance and transparency.

**Chairman Activities**

Building on the 2010 Final Document of the Comprehensive Review and the Committee's current programme of work, I have held consultations with the heads of intergovernmental organizations in order to explore ways to further enhance cooperation between these organizations and the Committee. These included meetings with the Director General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Amb. Üzümcü; the Director General the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); Amb. Amano, as well as with representatives of the European Union. In addition, in my capacity as Chairman of the 1540 Committee I addressed the G8 Nonproliferation Directors' Group (NPDG) in Vancouver, Canada on 21 October 2010. Furthermore, I also carried out consultations in Paris, London and Beijing, and consulted other Member States in New York on their views on the extension of the mandate of the 1540 Committee beyond 25 April 2011.

Following the meeting with EU representatives in Brussels, the 1540 Committee was briefed by Ms. Annalisa Giannella, the EU Personal Representative on Non-Proliferation of WMD.

### **Group of Experts activities**

The 1540 Group of Experts held consultations at the headquarters of the World Customs Organization (WCO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS). Additionally, representatives of the WCO, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and CARICOM met with the 1540 Group of Experts in New York.

### **Outreach Activities**

The 1540 Committee and its Group of Experts continued to participate in outreach events at the international, regional or sub-regional levels, to facilitate States' implementation of resolution 1540. These events included the following:

- UNODA organized two regional 1540 implementation workshops focusing on border and export controls: one for Southeast European States, 14-17 June, in Split, hosted by the Government of Croatia; and the other for South-East Asian States, 28 September-1 October, in Hanoi, hosted by the Government of Viet Nam. Both workshops were supported by the European Union and the Governments of Norway and the United States, and additionally of New Zealand for the workshop in Hanoi.
- The 1540 experts also participated in the following activities organized by States and International organizations as follows: a workshop on legal responses to countering terrorism organized by the UNODC and the Organization of Islamic Conference in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 25-26 May; a sub-regional workshop on the

implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 and related instruments, organized by CTED and UNODC/Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) in Ulan Batar, Mongolia, 26-28 May; the annual Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS) Working Group on Counter-Terrorism and its Forum Regional Security Committee Meetings in Suva, Fiji, 2-4 June; a workshop organized by the OPCW in Berlin, 7-8 June; the annual EXBS Export Control Conference, Kyiv, Ukraine, 8-10 June; a visit to Abuja, Nigeria led by UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) for a series of meetings in the framework of the CTITF initiative on Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism (I-ACT), 2-6 August; a nuclear legal workshop for African States, organized by the IAEA, in Vienna, Austria, 11-13 October; the G8 Global Partnership Working Group and the NPDG 1540 Experts meetings in Vancouver, 19-20 October, a regional workshop on implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention for West and Central African States, organized by the EU and the Government of Nigeria, in Abuja, Nigeria, 25-27 October; and a facilitation event on UNSCR 1540 sponsored by the United States, 9-11 November, in Lima, Peru.

## **Implementation**

During the last six months, the Committee received a first report from Togo on the implementation of the resolution and I continued to meet with representatives of States that have not yet submitted their first reports (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, and Gabon) to remind them of their obligation to present such reports.

The Committee also received additional information from Brazil, Canada, Ireland, Pakistan, Portugal, and Uganda. Canada included a voluntary action plan in its submission. Using this and other information, the Committee is reviewing 75 1540 Committee matrices and anticipates engaging in the review of another 117 1540 Committee matrices before the end of 2010. The information in these matrices forms

the foundation of the data that will appear in the 1540 Committee's Report to the Security Council due in April 2011.

### **Assistance**

The Committee has also consolidated a new database on assistance requests and adopted new procedures for handling formal requests for assistance. The Committee received new formal requests for assistance from Iraq, Uganda, and from the Central American Integration System (SICA). The Governments of Canada, Poland and the United States notified the 1540 Committee of offers of assistance.

### **Transparency**

With regard to transparency, the Committee adopted new procedures for publishing reports from Member States, the 1540 Committee matrices and assistance requests. It also added a Frequently Asked Questions section, a calendar of upcoming events, as well as started development of a 'What's New' section.

### **Cooperation with international organizations**

In addition to the activities described before relating to the enhancement of cooperation with other international organizations, the Government of Austria has informed the Committee that it is hosting a meeting of international regional and subregional organizations in Vienna, on 15-16 December 2010 to promote cooperation on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)

It is my intention to participate in that meeting as well as in a regional workshop organized by the Government of Saudi Arabia on 11-12 December. Similarly, as the 1540 Committee looks forward to preparing its April 2011 Report to the Security Council, the Committee and its experts will continue to participate in international conferences and regional or sub-regional activities to expand outreach, as well as

gather more information on assistance and on steps taken toward implementing the resolution.