

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

**On 19 November 2025**

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I am honored to report on progress made since our last joint briefing on 14 November 2024.

Additionally, as mandated by operative paragraph 22 of resolution 2663 (2022), I will address the 1540 Committee's cooperation with the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, and the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC).

The unanimous adoption of resolution 1540 (2004) by the Security Council more than 21 years ago represents a pivotal moment in international efforts to strengthen the non-proliferation architecture by addressing the threat posed by non-State actor's proliferation, particularly for terrorist purposes. 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.

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

The Committee's mandate in supporting and monitoring national implementation, providing assistance to Member States, upon their request, cooperating with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations (IROs), as well as transparency and outreach is reflected under resolution 1540 and its follow-up resolutions. During the reporting period, the Committee continued its activities, in accordance with its mandate, which was extended until the end of November 2032 pursuant to Security Council 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. To date, in 2025, the Committee has participated in 22 outreach events organized by Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations.

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 on 29 and 30 October 2025. The briefing provided a summary of Committee's activities on all aspects of resolution 1540, including on assistance matters. The open briefing provided an opportunity for Member States and IROs, and other arrangements to present their

offers of assistance, and for Member States to voluntarily share their experiences, lessons learned and best practices regarding implementation.

Furthermore, I am pleased to inform you that from 15-17 December 2025, the 1540 Committee will be co-hosting, with the Republic of Panama and supported by UNODA, a 1540 Points of Contact training course for Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama.

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With regard to national implementation reporting, 185 Member States have submitted reports to the Committee with information on the measures they have taken, or plan to take, to implement resolution 1540 (2004), leaving eight States still to do so.

To encourage submission of first reports from the remaining States, the Committee transmitted its latest correspondence to these States in September 2025, reaffirming that the Committee remains ready to assist on this matter or any other issue related to the implementation of resolution 1540.

Furthermore, the Committee encourages States to develop and, as appropriate, to update voluntary national implementation action plans, which are helpful in identifying Member States's priorities and their plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004). To date, 48 voluntary national implementation action plans have been submitted to the Committee by 39 States, while more States are in the process of preparing or updating their national implementation action plans.

During the reporting period, the Committee and its Group of Experts visited four States, at their invitation and in cooperation with several IROs, to assist with reviewing and preparing their voluntary national implementation action plans.

Following extensive efforts by the Committee to emphasize the importance of nominating and updating national points of contact for resolution 1540, in 2025, 20 Member States provided updates on their national points of contact, including one State nominating its point of contact for the first time, bringing the total number of Member States with 1540 points of contact to 156.

The Committee plays an important role in facilitating assistance to Member States to fulfil their 1540 obligations, including by matching assistance requests from Member States with offers of assistance, from other States or from IROs, and other arrangements.

The Security Council recognized in resolution 2663 (2022) that many Member States continue to require assistance in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) and directed the Committee to review, as appropriate, the role, efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee's mechanism for matching offers and requests for assistance as well as the functioning of the mechanism.

I am pleased to inform you that in November 2024 the Committee completed and approved an update of the assistance mechanism aimed at improving the speed and efficiency with which

information about assistance requests is shared, responses are processed, and assistance is delivered.

In 2025, five new assistance requests have been received by the Committee. Currently, 46 Member States and 20 IROs have offered 1540-related assistance, which are listed on the Committee's website.

To support implementation of its obligations under resolution 1540, the Committee held four formal meetings in 2025. These meetings focused on actions necessary to fulfill the Committee's responsibilities.

Regarding such Committee's responsibilities, operative paragraph 13 of resolution 2663 (2022) encouraged the 1540 Committee "to develop, and review, as appropriate, voluntary technical reference guides, including through implementation guidelines or other such appropriate documents, prepared with the assistance of its Group of Experts, which Member States could take into consideration in their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)."

I am pleased to inform you that two months ago the Committee approved a voluntary technical reference guide focused on export controls. This newly approved technical reference guide relates to resolution 1540 (2004) operative paragraph 3 (d), regarding the obligation to establish, develop, review and maintain appropriate effective national export controls. This technical reference guide is published on the Committee's website.

In keeping with the Security Council's request, the Committee continued to maintain its website as a tool for raising public awareness and serving as a key source of information and resources relating to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004).

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Coming to the Committee's cooperation with the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, and the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) I would like to highlight, that 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 on issues that overlap with the mandates of the three Committees, considering 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.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide this briefing.