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On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I am pleased to report on progress made since our last Joint Briefing in October 2018.

We fully endorse the joint statement delivered on behalf of the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and the 1540 Committee. While the mandates of the three Committees differ, there are important areas of complementarity.

The focus of the 1540 Committee remains the prevention of the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, their means of delivery and related materials to non-State actors, particularly for terrorist purposes. It is widely recognised that the use of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, including for terrorist purposes, could have devastating and potentially catastrophic consequences. The readiness of non-State groups and individuals with extreme or apocalyptic views to use extreme violence in various parts of the world remains a matter of serious concern. In this context, no State is exempt from the task of making every effort to prevent such proliferation.

The obligations under resolution 1540, which are designed precisely for this purpose, involve a wide range of activities that go together with the requisite adoption and enforcement of measures to prohibit non-State actors from manufacturing, acquiring, possessing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery. Among these are domestic controls over nuclear, chemical and biological weapons related materials, including measures to account for and secure such items, appropriate effective physical protection measures, effective border controls and law enforcement efforts, appropriate effective national export and transhipment controls, and controls on providing funds and services related to such export such as financing and transporting.

The full and effective implementation of these obligations requires continuous attention. The Committee will continue to undertake a number of activities this year to promote the full and effective implementation of the resolution and to assist States, upon request, in strengthening national capacity.

We will also intensify our engagement with international organisations whose mandates are directly related to resolution 1540 (2004).

The Committee will continue to enhance information-sharing, coordination on visits to countries, within their respective mandates, technical assistance and other issues of relevance to the Committee and the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh),

Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counterterrorism, as appropriate.

In conclusion, I would like to highlight that the spirit of cooperation and dialogue with the Member States continues to inform the 1540 Committee's activities.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this statement to the Security Council.