

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

**26 March 2024**

Mr. President,

As the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), I am honored to address the Security Council on the work of the Committee since the last briefing on 23 March 2023.

We will mark the 20th anniversary of resolution 1540 in April this year. On 28 April 2004, the Security Council unanimously adopted the resolution 1540 (2004), a landmark resolution that defined a non-proliferation mandate for the international community and established the Committee to monitor Member States' implementation of its provisions. This recognition by the Security Council of the severe threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to international peace and security was a pivotal moment in the international community's response to prevent it. States have continued to make efforts towards the full implementation of the resolution, which remains a long-term task. The Committee is considering the possibility of preparing a Presidential Statement on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1540 (2004).

During the reporting period, the Committee continued its activities pursuant to resolution 2663 (2022), adopted on 30 November 2022, in accordance with its mandate, extended until the end of November 2032. The 2023 review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) was submitted to the Security Council by the letter dated 29 December 2023 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council.

In 2023, the Committee held seven formal and one informal meetings. With respect to 2024, up to date, the Committee held three formal meetings.

The Committee participated in 33 outreach events in 2023 in comparison with 29 in 2022. Regarding 2024, until now, there were seven events attended by the Committee.

Mr. President,

During the reporting period no States submitted first national reports with information on measures taken to comply with obligations under resolution 1540 (2004). The number of Member States which have submitted first reports remains at 185, leaving eight States still to do so. To encouraging expedited submission of initial reports on the implementation of resolution 1540 from the eight remaining States, in May 2023 the Committee transmitted correspondence to these States,

also reaffirming that the Committee remains ready to provide assistance on this matter or any other issue related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

In its resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), the Security Council encouraged States to provide additional information on their implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), including, on a voluntary basis, on their laws and regulations and effective practices in implementing that resolution. During the reporting period, four States submitted additional information to the Committee. To date, a total of 538 first and additional national reports had been submitted by Member States on steps taken to implement resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

One of helpful activity in implementing resolution 1540 is the development of voluntary National Implementation Action Plans (vNAPs) by States as encouraged by Operative Paragraph 8 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#). The number of States that have submitted such plans to the Committee since 2007 stands at 38, while one State submitted an updated voluntary National Implementation Action Plan since the last report to the Security Council.

Acknowledging that Member States are in the best position to identify effective national practices, the Committee recognizes the need to promote the sharing of experience, including through voluntary peer reviews and other means to evaluate and reinforce effective practices. Since the last report to Security Council, the Committee has registered five new peer reviews, including three consecutive rounds between some States. The Committee looks forward to hearing about the results of further peer reviews and will continue to support States that wish to conduct them, where appropriate.

In 2023, 23 States nominated or provided updates regarding their points of contact. To date, a total of 148 Member States have informed the 1540 Committee about their points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004). No regional points of contact training courses were conducted since 2020 due to restrictions related to the pandemic and some other circumstances. However, the Committee hopes to resume such training courses this year.

The Committee plays an important role in facilitating assistance to Member States to fulfil their 1540 obligations, by matching assistance requests from States with offers of assistance, from States or international, regional or subregional organisations. In 2023, four requests for assistance requiring match-making were submitted to the Committee, compared to one request received in 2022. In addition, the Committee received in 2023 five requests for a support in drafting of a voluntary national action plan on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and one request for drafting a national report.

The Committee webpage lists States and international, regional and subregional organisations which offer 1540-related assistance. The Committee stands ready to add new programmes or updated information on assistance to its website. In addition to assistance provided by States and international, regional and subregional organisations, the Committee will continue to undertake

visits to States, at their invitation, to discuss national reporting, national action plans and assistance on implementation measures.

The Committee continued to cooperate with international, regional and subregional organisations and UN bodies in the context of resolution 1540 and participated in the relevant events organized or hosted by various international bodies. In 2023, the Committee participated in 18 events organized by different IROs. As for 2024, up to date, the Committee participated in three events.

The Committee will continue to use its website for outreach and enhancing transparency of Committee's activities. Information relating to participation in outreach events, as well as statements, including video-messages, delivered by the Chair or on his behalf are regularly uploaded to the Committee's website. Since the last report, a comprehensive website update, especially taking into account the most recent resolution 2663 (2022) was carried out.

Looking forward, under my letter of 30 January 2024 I transmitted to the President of the Security Council the twenty first programme of work of the Committee, covering the period from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025. This includes a comprehensive list of the Committee's planned activities to support full implementation of the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) by all Member States, in the areas of outreach by the Committee, the Committee's assistance mechanism, cooperation with international, regional and subregional organisations, and transparency.

Mr. President,

In this reporting period, in February 2024, the Committee approved the appointment of five candidates to the Group of Experts to fill five of the six positions that became vacant during the period of 19 March to 3 July 2023.

The appointment of five candidates will allow the Group of Experts to be better resourced to assist the Committee in its work. The Committee will continue discussing the issue of the remaining vacancy in the spirit of cooperation.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Security Council on the Committee's intention to hold an open briefing for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations this year, in accordance with paragraph 26 of resolution 2663 (2022), on the status of resolution 1540 (2004) implementation.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to my fellow Committee members for their efforts in support of the Committee's work, and to the Group of Experts, officials in ODA and DPPA, and my staff for their invaluable support to the Committee.

Thank you.