

1540 Committee Open Briefing

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Statement by Brazil

Mr. Chair,

Thank you for organizing this briefing today. We have been consistently impressed by the ability of the 1540 Committee to not only continue functioning in these divided times, but also to improve its methods of work and become more efficient and effective in fulfilling its mandate.

We attribute the 1540 Committee's capacity to weather storms, in large part, to the able stewardship exercised by its chairs during critical junctures - first, Mexico, from 2021-2022, during the renewal of its mandate, and now Ecuador, during the process of shoring up the Group of Experts, reviewing the assistance mechanism and resuming work under the new mandate.

Brazil welcomes the staffing of the Group of Experts undertaken this year. As usual, the Committee has produced a group that is balanced, technically qualified and able to take on the full range of tasks under its mandate. When it is fully staffed, which we hope will be soon, it will be able to do even more.

We also warmly welcome the Chair's outreach efforts to Member States, which has taken a variety of forms over the past year. Here at the UN, we appreciate the

Chair's efforts to keep Member States informed and engaged during the review of the assistance mechanism as well holding open briefings like this one. We also value the regional seminars that have been organized and the participation of members of the Committee and of the GoE in different events around the world. This close contact with Member States is essential to the implementation of resolution 1540 and we are glad to see it resume after a period where staffing issues prevented more robust engagement.

Mr. Chair,

There is still more work to be done. Beyond the full staffing of the GoE, there is much improvement to do in making reporting easier, making assistance requests simpler and making the coordination with other organizations smoother.

Yet we can confidently say that this first year of the current five year cycle shows that the Committee is going in a good direction. Rest assured of Brazil's support in the next years to come.

I thank you.