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The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honour to report that:

- (1) The French point of contact for the Committee is Mr. Xavier Chatel.
- (2) Regarding the areas in which France is able to provide assistance, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 1810 (2008), the following cooperation activities relating to resolution 1540 have already been undertaken over the last few years:
  - Training of personnel responsible for the application of the Chemical Weapons Convention in their territory and personnel responsible for monitoring inspections in their territory;
  - Training of inspectors in missile and drone guidance and control systems; training of personnel in the principal missile components, with a view to establishing a control system for goods in transit;
  - Training of future inspectors for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;
  - Training in response planning for mass nuclear, radiological, biological and chemical contamination;
  - Various assessments of training needs relating to nuclear, radiological, biological and chemical emergency response;
  - Various training courses in preparedness for nuclear, radiological, biological and chemical attacks and protection against nuclear, radiological, biological and chemical weapons;
  - A number of cooperation activities relating to the strengthening of border controls, thereby contributing indirectly to improved control of the risks of proliferation;
  - Participation in joint nuclear, radiological, biological and chemical defence exercises and exercises organized under the Proliferation Security Initiative; organization of a regional information seminar on resolution 1540 (2004).

France will review any future requests for assistance on a case-by-case basis, particularly in respect of areas in which it has already undertaken cooperation activities.

Chairman of the Security Council Committee  
established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

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The Permanent Mission takes this opportunity to convey to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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