

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS 1540 (2004) AND 1673 (2006)



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Mr. President, Excellencies.

I would like to thank you for convening this timely and important open debate.

While the dangers from the global proliferation or terrorist acquisition of weapons of mass destruction are now widely recognized, much work remains to be done to reduce such threats. In this respect, the 1540 Committee continues its efforts to promote the full implementation of the resolution, including through enhanced outreach, dialogue, assistance, and cooperation throughout the international community.

I particularly welcome the participation of representatives from the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and the World Customs Organization. These three international organizations play crucial roles in the implementation process, especially through their practical experience and lessons learned in the areas covered by resolution 1540, and through their assistance programs to facilitate the implementation of the resolution.

The threat of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is in fact a most urgent task to tackle. In the past year, I have seen to it that this issue would be in the forefront of the work of the Department for Disarmament Affairs. Last year, DDA organized three regional outreach seminars involving more than 70 participating countries from the regions on implementing resolution 1540 -- in Beijing for the Asia-Pacific region, in Accra for the African region, and in Lima for Latin America and the Caribbean -- all of which I attended myself. I would like to thank all three organizations for participating in the seminars. The presentations by experts greatly contributed to the success of these seminars. After three seminars, I believe we are now getting into the next phase of the implementation of the resolution. We need more tailored approaches to meet the requirements of sub-regions and member states.

Cooperation among intergovernmental bodies is essential in implementing resolution 1540 and in building its support throughout the international community. I believe this cooperation illustrates well how sustained multilateral cooperation can work to advance the national security interests of all states and the strengthening of international peace and security.

I thank you, Mr. President.