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Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honour to convey the deep appreciation of the Government of Togo for the participation of the two Committee experts at the workshop held in Lomé, on 15 and 16 June 2015, on the preparation of the Action Plan of Togo for the implementation of the corresponding Security Council resolution.

The Permanent Mission would also like to transmit herewith the 2016-2022 five-year plan on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

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

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

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Togo presents its compliments to the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations in his capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), and has the honour to express the deep and sincere appreciation of the Togolese Government for his engagement and open cooperation in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The Ministry would like to express its deep gratitude to the two experts of the Committee who assisted Togo during the workshop on the preparation of the National Action Plan for the Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004), held in Lomé on 15 and 16 June 2015.

In that regard, please find enclosed herewith the five-year plan on the implementation of the provisions of that resolution in Togo.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Togolese Republic takes this opportunity to convey the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Lomé, 29 June 2015

(Signed) H.E. Román Oyarzun Marchesi

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

Togolese Republic

National Action Plan for the Implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004) in Togo

2016-2022

As a result of its geostrategic location, together with the opportunities for business offered by its deep-water port, expanded airport, peaceful business climate and density of its industrial network, Togo has today become a focal point and a major crossroads for all types of trade in the West African subregion.

This has brought with it trafficking in dangerous goods, maritime piracy and increased violence and terrorism and, as a result, has undermined stability and destroyed development efforts made by Togo. In addition to these internal factors, there are external factors related to the worsening security situation in West Africa, which is threatened by terrorist groups. In Togo, these threats are exacerbated by the porosity of its borders with three neighbouring countries, allowing large-scale flows of goods and persons.

In this situation, where challenges to peace and security have overshadowed development programmes, the Togolese Government has signed various international legal instruments in the fields of disarmament and the maintenance of international peace and security. In this regard, Togo fully supports the basic principles and obligations of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004). Adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, resolution 1540 (2004) is an opportunity for Togo to contribute to efforts to combat terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and above all to prevent their acquisition by non-State actors.

As regards implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by Togo, it must be recalled that although there are certain Government agencies and regulations involved with the management of dangerous goods, such as weapons of mass destruction, it should also be noted that concerns remain regarding the strengthening of the criminal justice system, the institutional framework and capacity-building in human and material resources.

These concerns are more salient with regard to the implementation of the provisions of conventions related to the non-proliferation of chemical, nuclear and biological weapons, because Togo does not yet have national authorities responsible for implementing those conventions at the

national level. To such structural shortcomings must be added the insufficient expertise of the members of the interministerial commission involved in implementing this resolution in Togo.

To overcome these problems and thereby to correctly implement the obligations contained in the resolution, Togo has prepared a National Action Plan, broken down into 10 activities.

Main activities provided for in the five-year action plan of Togo for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)

Activity 1: Strengthening the legal framework

Activity 2: Updating certain instruments related to implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)

Activity 3: Implementing conventions at the national level

Activity 4: Combating anthrax and zoonoses emerging in Togo

Activity 5: Securing samples (pathogenic agents) at the laboratory level and controlling entries and exits of samples (export of samples)

Activity 6: Strengthening of criminal measures

Activity 7: Technical and operational capacity-building

Activity 8: Providing assistance in equipment and tools for implementation

Activity 9: Coordinating with the private sector and civil society

Activity 10: Strengthening cooperation with the 1540 Committee

Action Plan for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (2016-2022) in Togo								
Activities		Fields			Responsible institutions	Time frame	Financing of activities	
		Chemical	Nuclear and radiological	Biological			National budget	Technical and financial partners
1	Strengthening the legal framework		Ratification of instruments		Ministries: Foreign Affairs, Justice and Parliament	2016-2021	National	IAEA, CTBT, African NWFZ, assistance providers
		Enabling act for the Authority	Law on radiation protection	Enabling act for the Authority; Law on use of GMO	Ministries: Foreign Affairs, Health, Defence, Agriculture, Justice	2016-2018	National	OPCW, BWC Implementation Support Unit, NPT, UNODC, assistance providers
2	Updating certain instruments related to 1540 implementation		Accession to small quantities protocol		NLO, NLA, Ministries: Foreign Affairs, Defence	Second trimester 2016		
3	National implementation of conventions	Establishment of a national authority for the prohibition of chemical weapons	Establishment of a national radiation protection and nuclear safety and security authority	Establishment of a national authority for the prohibition of biological weapons	Relevant Ministries and civil society organizations	2016-2018	National	OPCW, BWC, ICAN assistance providers

4	Combating anthrax and zoonoses emerging in Togo			Protection of the population and livestock and amelioration of the effects of anthrax outbreaks	Ministries: Health, Agriculture, Higher Education, Environment	2017-2022	National	WHO, WAHO, BWC, assistance providers
5	Securing samples (pathogenic agents) at the laboratory level and controlling entries and exits of samples (export of samples)			Issuing decrees to replace proceedings, thereby enabling global enforcement and punishment	Ministries: Health, Higher Education	2016-2018	National	WHO, assistance providers
6	Strengthening of criminal measures	Strengthening of criminal provisions			Line ministries	2016-2018	National	OPCW, BWC, UNODC, assistance providers
7	Technical and operational capacity-building	Awareness workshop			Focal point, Government, UNREC	Third quarter 2016	National	1540 Committee, assistance providers
		Technical assistance for national laboratories						
		National workshop on controlling strategic goods			Focal point, Customs, Ministries: Defence, Security, UNREC.	First half 2017	National	OPCW, IAEA, BWC, WAHO Assistance providers
		Training of trainers in border control			Focal point, Customs, Ministries: Defence, Security, UNREC.	Second half 2017	National	1540 Committee, OPCW, IAEA, BWC, WCO, assistance providers

		Training of Togolese Armed Forces officers in the identification of dangerous goods	Focal point, Ministry of Defence, CNALPC, UNREC.	2018	National	1540 Committee, OPCW, IAEA, BWC, assistance providers
		Participation in international meetings (workshops, seminars) related to implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Focal point, relevant Ministries	2016-2022	National	UNODA, AU, ECOWAS, assistance providers
8	Providing assistance in equipment and tools for implementation	Identification of equipment needs	Customs, Ministries: Defence, Health, Agriculture, Higher Education, Security, UNREC, 1540 Committee, UNODA	2017-2022	National	WCO, OPCW, IAEA, BWC, assistance providers
		Acquisition of equipment and maintenance				
		Institutional support and training for specialists and researchers				
9	Coordinating with the private sector and civil society	Identification of the sectors concerned (mining and industrial companies, etc.), Union of NGOs of Togo, Associations (RASALT)	Focal point, relevant Ministries	2016-2022		
10	Strengthening cooperation with the 1540 Committee	Updating of the Matrix and preparation of reports on activities	Focal point	2016-2022		

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN TABLE:

AU	African Union
BWC	Biological Weapons Convention

CNALPC	Commission Nationale de Lutte Contre les Armes Légères et de Petit Calibre (National Commission to Combat Small Arms and Light Weapons)
CTBT	Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
GMO	genetically modified organism
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAN	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
NLA	National [IAEA] Liaison Assistant (for Togo)
NLO	National [IAEA] Liaison Officer (for Togo)
NPT	Non-Proliferation Treaty
NWFZ	Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone
OPCW	Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
RASALT	Reseau d'Action sur les Armes Legeres au Togo (Network for Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons in Togo)
UNODA	United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNREC	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa
WAHO	World Animal Health Organization
WCO	World Customs Organization
WHO	World Health Organization
