

1540 COMMITTEE MATRIX OF VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)

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The 1540 Committee intends to use the matrices as a reference tool for facilitating technical assistance and to enable the Committee to continue to enhance its dialogue with States on their implementation of Security Council Resolution 1540.

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OP 1 and related matters from OP 5, OP 6, OP 8 (a), (b), (c) and OP 10

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Legally binding instruments, organizations, codes of conduct, arrangements, statements and other issues.		YES	if YES, relevant information (i.e. signing, accession, ratification, etc)	Remarks (information refers to the page of the English version of the national report or an official web site)
1	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)	X	Deposit 25 September 1975	
2	Nuclear Weapons Free Zone/ Protocol(s)	X	Treaty of Tlatelolco, deposit 23 March 1970	
3	Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism			
4	Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear			

	Material (CPPNM)			
5	2005 Amendment to the CPPNM			
6	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) (not in force)	X	Deposit 13 May 2002	
7	Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)	X	Deposit 3 December 1997	
8	Biological Weapons Convention (BWC)	X	Deposit 18 October 1978	
9	Geneva Protocol of 1925	X	Deposit 8 February 1928	
10	Other Conventions/Treaties	X	State party to 7 of the 19 universal legal instruments against terrorism, including the following relevant to resolution 1540 (2004): 1997 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (23/09/2003) 1999 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (23/09/2003) Convention on Suppression of Unlawful Acts at Sea (SUA) 1.	
11	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	X	Since 1957	
12	Hague Code of Conduct (HCOC)	X	Subscribed	
13	Other Arrangements			
14	General statement on non-possession of WMD	X	State has reaffirmed that it has voluntarily given up nuclear weapons	
15	General statement on commitment to disarmament and non-proliferation	X	State has reaffirmed its commitment to nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament	
16	General statement on non-provision of WMD and related materials to non-State actors			
17	Other ¹	X	Member of: The World Health Organization (WHO) The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) INTERPOL World Customs Organisation (WCO) International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Organization of American State (OAS)	

			World Bank Group International Monetary Fund (IMF)	
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1. Including, as appropriate, information with regard to membership in relevant international, regional or sub-regional organizations.

OP 2 - Nuclear Weapons (NW), Chemical Weapons (CW) and Biological Weapons (BW)

Does national legislation exist which prohibits persons or entities to engage in one of the following activities? Can violators be penalized?		National legal framework				Enforcement: civil/criminal penalties and others				Remarks
		YES			if YES, source document of national implementation law	YES			if YES, source document	
		N W	C W	B W		N W	C W	B W		
1	manufacture/produce	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Bolivarian Constitution, Article 129 Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7 BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 40	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 Penal Code, Articles 273, 274 and 275 (weapons classified under the Weapons and Explosives Act) BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 40	
2	acquire	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Penal Code, Articles 273, 274 and 275 (weapons classified under the Weapons and Explosives Act): trade Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52	
3	possess	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Bolivarian Constitution, Article 324 Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Penal Code, Articles 273, 274 and 275 (weapons classified under the Weapons and Explosives Act) Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52	
4	stockpile/store	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7					

5	develop	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7 BW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 54	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 BW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 54	
6	transport	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52	
7	transfer	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 4 (1) (f) (provide) Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7 and 57	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52	
8	use	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: 1.Bolivarian Constitution, Article 129 and 324 Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7 NW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 108	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 NW: Environmental Criminal Act , Art 108	
9	participate as an accomplice in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 Penal Code Title VII	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 Penal Code Title VII	
10	assist in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 Penal Code, Title VII	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 Penal Code Title VII	
11	finance abovementioned activities	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 53	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 53	

					Penal Code, Title VII				Penal Code, Title VII	
12	abovementioned activities related to means of delivery ²		X	X	CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art. 7 Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52		X	X	CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52	
13	involvement of non-State actors in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013)	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 52 and 53 Penal Code, Articles 273, 274 and 275 (weapons classified under the Weapons and Explosives Act)	
14	Other	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Organic Law on National Security, Article 22: weapon, ammunition, explosives Act approving the International Convention for the Suppression Financing of Terrorism, Official Gazette 37.727 (2003) NW: Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Ratification Act, Special Official Gazette No. 1,761 of 1 August 1975 Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America Ratification Act, Official Gazette No. 1,362 of 18 December 1969 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water Ratification Act, Official Gazette No. 27,631 of 2 January 1965					

2. Means of delivery: missiles, rockets and other unmanned systems capable of delivering nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons, that are specially designed for such use.

OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect NW, CW and BW, including Related Materials³

Are any of the following measures, procedures or legislation in place to account for, secure or otherwise protect NW, CW, BW and Related Materials? Can violators be penalized?		National legal framework				Enforcement: civil/criminal penalties and others				Remarks
		YES			if YES, source document	YES			if YES, source document	
		N W	C W	B W *		N W	C W	B W		
1	Measures to account for production	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste, NW: INFCIRC/300 Decree 2210 Technical norms for the management of Radiological Materials (1992) Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)	
2	Measures to account for use	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: INFCIRC/300 Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Decree 2210 Technical norms for the management of Radiological Materials (1992) Norms: CONVENIN 2257-95 (Radiological Monitoring) CONVENIN 3299-97 (Programme of Radiological Protection. Requirements)	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)	

3	Measures to account for storage	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste, Art. 67 NW: INFCIRC/300 Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste, Art. 53 (radioactive waste) Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Decree 2210 Technical norms for the management of Radiological Materials (1992)	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)	
4	Measures to account for transport	X	X	X	NW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste Art. 54 Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Decree 2210 Technical norms for the management of Radiological Materials (1992) Norm CONVENIN 2026-1999 (Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials) CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	X	X	X	NW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, aterials and Waste -Art. 54 Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	
5	Other measures for accounting									
6	Measures to secure production	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	
7	Measures to secure use	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	
8	Measures to secure storage	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances,	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances,	

					Materials and Waste				Materials and Waste	
9	Measures to secure transport	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste, Art 54 (radioactive substances) BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste Art.50 (safety)	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste -Art. 54 Norm CONVENIN 2026-1999 (Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials)	
10	Other measures for securing									
11	Regulations for physical protection of facilities/materials/ transports	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	
12	Licensing/registration of installations/facilities/ persons/entities/use/ handling of materials	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Decree no. 2210 Technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials, 1992	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	
13	Reliability check of personnel									
14	Measures to account for/secure/ physically protect means of delivery									

3. Related materials: materials, equipment and technology covered by relevant multilateral treaties and arrangements, or included on national control lists, which could be used for the design, development, production or use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery.

* Information required in this section may also be available in the State's Confidence Building Measures report, if submitted to the BWC Implementation Support Unit (online at: [http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/\(httpPages\)/4FA4DA37A55C7966C12575780055D9E8?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/(httpPages)/4FA4DA37A55C7966C12575780055D9E8?OpenDocument))

OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect NW including Related Materials (NW specific)

Are any of the following measures, procedures or legislation in place to account for, secure or otherwise protect NW and Related Materials? Can violators be penalized?		National legal framework		Enforcement: civil/criminal penalties and others		Remarks
		YES	if YES, source document	YES	if YES, source document	
1	National regulatory authority	X	Decree 1.615, Organic regulation of the Ministry for People's Power for Electric Energy (20 February 2015)	X	Decree 1.615, Organic regulation of the Ministry for People's Power for Electric Energy (20 February 2015)	
2	IAEA Safeguards Agreements	X	INFCIRC/300 in force 11 March 1982	X	INFCIRC/300 in force 11 March 1982	
3	IAEA Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources	X	Expressed support	X	Expressed support	
4	Supplementary Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources	?	Designated Contact Point and responded to Self-Assessment Questionnaire	?	Designated Contact Point and responded to Self-Assessment Questionnaire	
5	IAEA Incident and Trafficking Database	X	Participates	X	Participates	
6	Other Agreements related to IAEA	X	Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL)	X	Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL)	
7	Additional national legislation/regulations related to nuclear materials including CPPNM					

8	Other	X	<p>Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP)(Approved/Finalized)</p> <p>Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency Ratification Act, Official Gazette No. 25,436 of 20 August 1957</p> <p>Regional Cooperative Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) Ratification Act, Official Gazette No. 320,645 of 18 October 2001</p> <p>Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident Ratification Act. Official Gazette No. 39,217 of 9 July 2009</p>	X	Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP)(Approved/Finalized)	
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**OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect CW including
Related Materials (CW specific)**

Are any of the following measures, procedures or legislation in place to account for, secure or otherwise protect CW and Related Materials? Can violators be penalized?		National legal framework		Enforcement: civil/criminal penalties and others		Remarks
		YES	if YES, source document	YES	if YES, source document	
1	National CWC authority	X	Presidential Decree No. 4086 of 16 November 2005: Establishment of a National Authority	?	Ministry for People's Power and Foreign Affairs	
2	Reporting Schedule I, II and III chemicals to OPCW	X	Initial Declaration	X	Initial Declaration	
3	Account for, secure or physically protect "old chemical weapons"					
4	Other legislation/ regulations controlling chemical materials					
5	Other					

OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect BW including Related Materials (BW specific)

Are any of the following measures, procedures or legislation in place to account for, secure or otherwise protect BW and Related Materials? Can violators be penalized?		National legal framework		Enforcement: civil/criminal penalties and others		Remarks
		YES	if YES, source document	YES	if YES, source document	
1	Regulations for genetic engineering work	X	Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 40	X	Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art 40	
2	Other legislation/ regulations related to safety and security of biological materials					
3	Other					

OP 3 (c) and (d) and related matters from OP 6 and OP 10 - Controls of NW, CW and BW, including Related Materials

Which of the following legislation, procedures, measures, agencies exist to control border crossings, export/import and other transfers of NW, CW, BW and Related Materials? Can violators be penalized?		National legal framework				Enforcement: civil/criminal penalties, and measures of implementation, etc				Remarks
		YES			if YES, source document	YES			if YES, source document	
		N W	C W	B W		N W	C W	B W		
1	Border control	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Organic Law of Customs Decree no. 3679 of 28 June 2005 on Customs Duties Smuggling Act	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Ministry of Finance Customs Authority Organic Law of Customs Art. 109/113 Smuggling Act	
2	Technical support of border control measures	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: X-ray machines have been installed at main customs points	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: X-ray machines have been installed at main customs points	
3	Control of brokering, trading in, negotiating, otherwise assisting in sale of goods and technology									
4	Enforcement agencies/authorities	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: National Integrated Customs and Tax Administration Service (SENIAT) National Guard Armed Forces Armaments Department (DAFRA) NW: Ministry for People's Power of Oil and Mines	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: National Integrated Customs and Tax Administration Service (SENIAT) National Guard Armed Forces Armaments Department (DAFRA) NW: Ministry for People's Power of Oil and Mines	

5	Export control legislation in place	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Arts. 7, 9 and 57 (for WMD only) NW: Ministry of Energy and Oil Decree no. 2210 Technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials, 1992 Norms for the issuance of permits for the import and export of radioactive sources and equipment generating ionizing radiations (Official Gazette 39.994, 27 August 2012)	X			NW: Ministry of Energy and Oil Decree no. 2210 Technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials, 1992 Norms for the issuance of permits for the import and export of radioactive sources and equipment generating ionizing radiations (Official Gazette 39.994, 27 August 2012)	
6	Licensing provisions	X			NW: Ministry of Energy and Oil Decree no. 2210 Technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials, 1992 Norms for the issuance of permits for the import and export of radioactive sources and equipment generating ionizing radiations (Official Gazette 39.994, 27 August 2012)					
7	Individual licensing	X			NW: Ministry of Energy and Oil Decree no. 2210 Technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials, 1992 Norms for the issuance of permits for the import and export of radioactive sources and equipment generating ionizing radiations (Official Gazette 39.994, 27 August 2012)					
8	General licensing									
9	Exceptions from licensing									
10	Licensing of deemed export/visa									
11	National licensing authority	X			NW: Ministry for People's Power for Electric Energy	X			NW: Ministry for People's Power for Electric Energy	
12	Interagency review for licenses									

13	Control lists								
14	Updating of lists								
15	Inclusion of technologies								
16	Inclusion of means of delivery								
17	End-user controls								
18	Catch all clause								
19	Intangible transfers								
20	Transit control	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Art, 9 for WMD only)				
21	Trans-shipment control								
22	Re-export control								
23	Control of providing funds								
24	Control of providing transport services								
25	Control of importation	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of arms and ammunition (2013), Arts. 7, 9 and 57 Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste, Art. 12 NW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste, Art 51 BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste Art. 9	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Environmental Criminal Act, Art 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)

26	Extraterritorial applicability								
27	Other								

OP 6, 7 and 8 (d) - Control lists, Assistance, Information

Can information be provided on the following issues?		YES		Remarks
1	Control lists - items (goods/ equipment/ materials/ technologies)			
2	Control lists - other			
3	Assistance offered			
4	Assistance requested			
5	Point of Contact for assistance			
6	Assistance in place (bilateral/multilateral)			
7	Work with and inform industry			
8	Work with and inform the public			
9	Point of Contact			
10	Other ⁴			

4. Information may include references to voluntary implementation national action plan and visits to States, at their invitation, by the 1540 Committee.