

# APPROVED 1540 COMMITTEE MATRIX

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## I. OP 1 and related matters from OP 5, OP 8 (a), (b), (c) and OP10

Adherence to legally binding instruments, membership of organisations, participation in arrangements and statements made		Relevant information (i.e. signing, deposit of instrument of 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)	Deposit 4 February 1970	
2	Nuclear Weapons Free Zone/ Protocol(s)		
3	Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism	Deposit 25 March 2013	
4	International Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM)	Deposit 12 September 2003	
5	2005 Amendment to the CPPNM		
6	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) (not in force)	Deposit 24 September 2003	
7	Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)	Deposit 24 September 2003	
8	Biological Weapons Convention (BWC)	Deposit 26 March 1975	
9	Geneva Protocol of 1925	Deposit 9 December 1986	
10	1997 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings	Deposit 24 September 2003	
11	1999 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism	Deposit 24 September 2003	

12	2005 Protocol to the Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation		
13	2005 Protocol to the Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of fixed platforms located on the continental shelf		
14	2010 Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation		
15	Other relevant regional legally binding instruments	Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Convention on Combatting International Terrorism	
16	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Member since 1957	
17	Directly relevant Arrangements	Proliferation Security Initiative Participant	
18	Statement on non-provision of WMD and related materials to non-State actors	State reported not providing any support to non-State actor to acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer or use of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.	
19	Membership in relevant international, regional or sub-regional organisations	INTERPOL World Customs Organization (WCO) and SAFE Framework of Standards World Health Organization (WHO) World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)	

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

National legislation which prohibits persons or entities to engage in one of the following activities and its enforcement		National legal framework					Enforcement and civil/criminal penalties			Remarks
		X / ?			Source document of national implementation law	X / ?				
		N W	C W	B W		N W	C W	B W	Source document	
1	manufacture	?	?	?	<p><b>NW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 NPT ratification law</p> <p><b>CW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 CWC ratification law</p> <p><b>BW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 BWC ratification law</p>					
2	acquire	X	?	?	<p><b>NW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 NPT ratification law Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 15 (only nuclear material)</p> <p><b>CW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 CWC ratification law</p> <p><b>BW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 BWC ratification law</p>	X			<p><b>NW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 15 (only nuclear material)</p>	
3	possess	?	?	?	<p><b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 NPT, CWC and BWC ratification law</p>					
4	develop		?	?	<p><b>CW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 CWC ratification law</p>					

					<b>BW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 BWC ratification law				
5	transport	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> NPT, CWC and BWC ratification law				
6	transfer	X	X	X	<b>NW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 15 (only nuclear material)  <b>CW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 14 on Offences related to the Use of Explosive and other Lethal Devices The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 CWC ratification law  <b>BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Article 14 on Offences related to the Use of Explosive and other Lethal Devices The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 BWC ratification law	X	X	X	<b>NW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 15 (only nuclear material)  <b>CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 14
7	use	X	X	X	<b>NW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 15 (only nuclear material)  <b>CW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 14 The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 CWC ratification law  <b>BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 14	X	X	X	<b>NW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 15 (only nuclear material)  <b>CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 14
8	attempt to engage in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 17	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 17

9	participate as an accomplice in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 17(1)	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 17(1)
10	assist in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 19 (3)  <b>CW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 CWC ratification law  <b>BW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 BWC ratification law	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Law on Combat against Terrorist Offences 2008, Art. 19 (3)
11	finance abovementioned activities	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Afghanistan law on Combating the Financing of Terrorism – Art. 3	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Afghanistan law on Combating the Financing of Terrorism – Arts. 4 & 5
12	abovementioned activities related to means of delivery <sup>1</sup>		?	?	<b>CW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 BWC ratification law Does not provide any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical and nuclear weapons and their means of delivery  <b>BW:</b> The Constitution of Afghanistan, Art. 7 BWC ratification law Does not provide any form of support to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical and nuclear weapons and their means of delivery				

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

**III. OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect NW, CW and BW, including Related Materials <sup>2</sup>**

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of NW, CW, BW, and their means of delivery; controls over related materials		National legal and/or regulatory framework			Enforcement and civil/criminal penalties			Remarks
		X / ?			X / ?			
		N W	C W	B W *	N W	C W	B W	
1	Measures to account for production	X			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Add.1 Additional Protocol INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP			
2	Measures to account for use	X			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Add.1 Additional Protocol INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP			
3	Measures to account for storage	X			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Add.1 Additional Protocol INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP			
4	Measures to account for transport							
5	Measures to secure production	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP
6	Measures to secure use	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP
7	Measures to secure storage	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP
8	Measures to secure transport							

9	Physical protection measures	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/257 and SQP INFCIRC/257/Mod.1 amended SQP	
10	Personnel Reliability									

2. 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))

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

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of NW, and their means of delivery; controls over related materials		Source document	Remarks
1	National regulatory authority	Afghanistan Atomic Energy High Commission (AAEHC)	
2	Licensing of nuclear installations/entities/ use of materials		
3	IAEA Safeguards Agreements	Safeguards Agreement, in force 20 February 1978 Additional Protocol, in force 19 July 2005 Amended Small Quantities Protocol, in force 28 January 2016	
4	IAEA Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources	Notification pursuant to GC (47)/RES/7.B1	
5	Supplementary Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources	Notification pursuant to GC(48)/RES/10.D2 Contact point designated	
6	IAEA Incident and Trafficking Database		
7	Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) / International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS)	INSSP approved	
8	Applying the physical protection recommendations in INFCIRC/225/Rev.5		
9	Other Agreements related to IAEA	Model Project (INT/9/143) on "Upgrading Radiation Protection Infrastructure" To strength the radiation safety infrastructures bring into compliance with the Basic Safety Standards Country Programme	

		Framework (2019-2023)	
10	National legislation and regulations related to nuclear material including CPPNM		

**V. OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect CW including Related Materials (CW specific)**

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of CW, and their means of delivery; controls over related materials		Source document	Remarks
1	National CWC authority	National Authority for the Implementation of the CWC	
2	Licensing/registration of installations/facilities/ persons/entities/use/ handling of related materials		
3	Old or abandoned chemical weapons		

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

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of BW, their means of delivery; controls over related materials		Source document	Remarks
1	Licensing/registration of installations/facilities/ persons/entities/use/ handling of materials		

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

Border controls and export and trans-shipment controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery including related materials		National legal framework						Enforcement and civil/criminal penalties						Remarks
		X /?			Source document	X /?			Source document					
		N W	C W	B W		N W	C W	B W						
1	Border control to detect, deter, prevent and combat illicit trafficking	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Arts. 11 (responsibilities of Customs) ,45 and 52	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Arts. 52 (Non-allowed goods) and 172 (Smuggling of Goods): Customs controls luggage and other goods carried by or on persons					
2	Law enforcement to detect, deter, prevent and combat illicit trafficking	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Art. 8	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> General Directorate of Customs of the Ministry of Finance - Customs Authority					
3	Border control detection measures													
4	Control of brokering	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Art. 16	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Art.16 Brokerage is a non-governmental business which persons may carry out upon obtaining a license from the Ministry of Finance					
5	Export control legislation in place	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Arts. 34, 38 (The captain of an aircraft carrying goods and destined to leave Afghanistan, must present customs officer the customs declaration or manifest of goods on board to be exported from the customs territory of the State), 42 (Postal shipments shall remain under customs supervision while customs requirements are completed in the post office) Environment Act promulgated by Presidential Decree on 18 December 2005 (Including radioactive substances) and 53 (adopting	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005					

				prohibitions or restrictions in accordance with relevant legislative instruments.)					
6	Licensing provisions and Authority								
7	Control lists of materials, equipment and technology								
8	Intangible technology transfers								
9	Inclusion of means of delivery								
10	End-user controls								
11	Catch all clause								
12	Transit control	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Arts.75- 80 (The owner of transit goods or his agent shall be obliged to present the goods and the related customs documents intact, in accordance with procedures, at the relevant designated customs office by the prescribed time limit to ensure identification of the goods)	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Art.75
13	Trans-shipment control	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Art. 49: Customs may at any time require goods to be unloaded and unpacked in order to inspect the goods and their means of transport	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005
14	Re-export control	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005, Art. 95: Customs shall specify the period within which the compensating products must be exported	?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> The Customs Act of 20 March 2005
15	Control over financing of exports/transhipments that would contribute to proliferation								
16	Control over services related to exports/transhipments that								



**VIII. OP 7 and 8 (d) - Assistance, Work with and inform Industry and Public, and other Information**

1	Assistance offered	
2	Assistance Point of Contact (for assistance providers only)	
3	Assistance requested	
4	Action taken to work with and inform industry	
5	Action taken to work with and inform the public	
6	Point of Contact	
7	Voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP)	
8	1540 Committee visits to States	