

**OPEN BRIEFING FOR MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND
SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

Statement by the Chair of the 1540 Committee

29 October 2025

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

As the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), I am honored to welcome you here and to inform you about the work of the Committee.

In 2004, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1540 under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter affirming that proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery, constitutes a threat to international peace and security. The resolution obliges States, *inter alia*, to refrain from supporting by any means non-State actors from developing, acquiring, manufacturing, possessing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery.

The Committee's mandate in supporting and monitoring national implementation, providing assistance to Member States, cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations (IROs), as well as transparency and outreach is reflected under resolution 1540 and successor resolutions. With the aim of fulfilling this mandate, Member States are encouraged to submit periodic updates regarding their implementation efforts.

Most recently, in November 2022, the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 2663, extending the mandate of the 1540 Committee for a period of 10 years, and directing the Committee to convene open briefings for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations. Therefore, this open briefing is intended to provide you with a summary of activities of the Committee on all aspects of resolution 1540, including on assistance matters.

Furthermore, this open briefing aims to provide an opportunity for Member States and IROs to present their offers of assistance, and for Member States to voluntarily share their experiences, lessons learned and best practices regarding implementation.

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Resolution 1540 (2004) established the 1540 Committee, which, calling on other expertise as appropriate, is mandated to report to the Security Council for its examination, on the implementation of the resolution.

Beyond periodic reviews conducted in 2006, 2008 and 2011, comprehensive reviews were conducted in 2009, 2016 and 2022. Moreover, annual reviews have been provided to the Security Council since 2012. For a more detailed accounting of work done in support of the

implementation of resolution 1540, I recommend referring to these reviews, which can be easily found on the 1540 Committee website.

Unless otherwise noted, the period covered by my remarks about Committee implementation activities begins after the last open briefing held on 9 October 2024.

Starting with national implementation topics, resolution 1540 calls upon States to present reports to the Committee on steps they have taken or intend to take to implement the resolution. In all, 185 Member States have submitted their first and additional reports, leaving eight States still to do so.

To encourage submission of first reports from the remaining States, the Committee transmitted its latest correspondence to these States in September 2025, reaffirming that the Committee remains ready to assist on this matter or any other issue related to the implementation of resolution 1540.

As already mentioned, successor resolutions to resolution 1540, and most recently resolution 2663, endorsed previous comprehensive reviews of implementation of resolution 1540. It further mandated the 1540 Committee to conduct comprehensive reviews on the status of implementation of resolution 1540, both after five years and prior to the renewal of its mandate. The first of these reviews will be held before December 2027. Therefore, in 2026 the Committee and its Group of Experts will begin the process of updating the individual State information that forms the basis of the review. States are encouraged to provide the Committee as soon as possible and when appropriate with additional information on their implementation of resolution 1540.

Successor resolutions to resolution 1540 encourage States to prepare on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans, with the assistance of the 1540 Committee and its expertise as appropriate, and to map out their priorities and plans for implementing key provisions of resolution 1540. In all, 48 such plans and updates to the plans have been received by the Committee from 39 States, while more States are in the process of preparing or updating their national implementation action plans.

During the reporting period, the Committee and its Group of Experts visited four States, at their invitation and in cooperation with several IROs, to assist with reviewing and preparing their voluntary national implementation action plans.

Regarding assistance for States to implement their obligations, resolution 1540 recognizes that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of the resolution and invites States in a position to do so to offer assistance, as appropriate, in response to specific requests from States. Additionally, States are encouraged to convey their assistance requests to the Committee. In all, five requests for assistance have been submitted to the Committee since October 2024.

To facilitate access to available information for Member States in need of assistance, the Committee website presents a current list of States and IROs which offer resolution 1540-related assistance. The total number of offers of assistance from States and IROs, is 46 Member States and 20 IROs. During this open briefing we will have the opportunity for Member States to voluntarily share their experiences, lessons learned and good practices regarding implementation, and from providers of assistance, including possible new provider candidates, to present their offers of assistance.

The Committee encourages States and IROs which offer 1540-related assistance to enhance cooperation and information sharing with the 1540 Committee and Member States on technical assistance and all other issues of relevance for the implementation of resolution 1540. The Committee will also continue to manage its assistance matchmaking mechanism, noting ongoing feedback received from requesting States on the status of pending requests for assistance, and continue to undertake visits to States, at their invitation, to discuss national reporting, voluntary national action plans and assistance with implementation measures. The Security Council recognized in resolution 2663 (2022) that many Member States continue to require assistance in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) and directed the Committee to review, as appropriate, the role, efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee's mechanism for matching offers and requests for assistance as well as the functioning of the mechanism. I am pleased to inform you that in November 2024 the Committee completed and approved a review and update of the assistance mechanism aimed at improving the speed and efficiency with which information about assistance requests is shared, responses are processed, and assistance is delivered.

The Committee will continue to organize and participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution 1540 at the international, regional, subregional and, as appropriate, national level, including, as appropriate, inviting parliamentarians, as well as representatives of civil society, including industry and academia, and promote the refinement of these outreach efforts to focus on specific thematic and regional issues related to implementation.

Resolution 2325 (2016) urges the Committee to undertake initiatives to strengthen the capacity of national 1540 Points of Contact to assist on the implementation of the resolution, upon request of States, including through the continuation on a regional basis of the Committee's Point of Contact Training Programme. The primary objective of this training is to provide National Points of Contact with comprehensive knowledge of the obligations set forth in resolution 1540 (2004), and to offer a platform for the exchange of practical information, and experiences in executing their respective roles and responsibilities. If requested by Member States, the Committee stands ready to co-host 1540 Point of Contact training courses.

In 2024, after a two-year pause, the Committee resumed organizing Point of Contact training courses. Since the last open briefing, the 1540 Committee co-hosted, with Mozambique, a regional Point of Contact or POC training course, supported by the United Nations Office for

Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in November 2024. I am also pleased to inform you that from 15-17 December 2025, the 1540 Committee will be co-hosting, with the Republic of Panama and supported by UNODA, a 1540 (2004) POC training course for Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama.

The 1540 Committee welcomes and encourages efforts by international, regional and subregional organizations, and other arrangements to support Member States in their implementation of resolution 1540. The Committee has participated in many events organized by these organizations, including for the purpose of general awareness-raising of the requirements of resolution 1540, or to focus on specific thematic areas relevant to the resolution. This provides me with the opportunity to highlight the central and coordinating role of the Committee in the sphere of implementation of resolution 1540, and to note that the Committee stands ready to cooperate closely with all UN Member States and relevant IROs and other arrangements to reach the goals of the resolution.

The 1540 Committee, supported by its Group of Experts, participated in a total of 27 relevant events organized or hosted by various international entities, since October 2024.

To support implementation of its obligations under resolution 1540, the Committee held four formal meetings. These meetings focused on actions necessary to implement 1540 Committee responsibilities.

Regarding such Committee activities, Operative Paragraph 13 of resolution 2663 (2022), encouraged the 1540 Committee “to develop, and review, as appropriate, voluntary technical reference guides, including through implementation guidelines or other such appropriate documents, prepared with the assistance of its Group of Experts, which Member States could take into consideration in their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).” I am pleased to inform you that the Committee has approved a voluntary technical reference guide focused on export controls. This newly approved technical reference guide relates to resolution 1540 (2004) Operative Paragraph (OP) 3 (d), regarding the obligation to establish, develop, review and maintain appropriate effective national export controls. The information contained in the guidance is focused on elements of the 1540 Committee matrix pertaining to national export controls, which include: Export Control Legislation, Licensing Provisions & Authority, and Control Lists of Materials, Equipment & Technology. This technical reference guide can be found on the Committee website.

In keeping with the Security Council’s request, the 1540 Committee continued to use its website for outreach and enhancing transparency of its activities. I encourage you to visit it as it is a comprehensive repository of all documents, references, and information related to resolution 1540 and successor resolutions since their adoption.

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In closing, thank you for your attention and I am hopeful this overall summary of information about the activities of the Committee on all aspects of resolution 1540 is helpful for you.

Before I finish, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my fellow Committee members for their efforts in support of the Committee's work, to the Committee's support structure composed of the Group of Experts, DPPA, and ODA, and, finally, my staff for their invaluable support to the Committee.

Thank you very much.