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The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations -Office for Security Council Affairs- presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and, with reference to note verbale SCA/5/19 (01) dated 18 March 2019, has the honour to transmit herewith the updated national action plan and the national report of the Dominican Republic on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), for the 2021 Comprehensive Review.

The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations- Office for Security Council Affairs- avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 3 November 2020

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Security Council Committee  
established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)  
New York



*Translated from Spanish*

## **Dominican Republic**

### **National action plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)**

On 20 April 2011, the Security Council adopted resolution 1977 (2011), in which it reaffirmed that the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery, constituted a threat to international peace and security, and in which it extended the mandate of the 1540 Committee for a period of 10 years, until 2021. In that resolution, States were also encouraged to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national action plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit those plans to the 1540 Committee.

In accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 1540 (2004), in which States are called upon to present a report on steps they have taken or intend to take to implement the resolution, the Dominican Republic, aware of its commitment to the international community and in line with its policy of prohibiting all activities related to weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, is submitting its 2020 action plan, whose main objective is to contribute to the global fight against the threat to international peace and security posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. In this action plan, the Dominican Republic voluntarily sets forth the objectives and activities to be carried out by its Government in order to strengthen the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

Taking into account the continuous socioeconomic growth and development of national industry that the Dominican Republic has experienced in recent years, this action plan provides supplementary and follow-up information on the progress achieved towards the goals related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) that were outlined in the action plan submitted by the country in 2015.

These goals include the establishment of the cross-sectoral committee for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) as the main body responsible for bringing together and coordinating national authorities, and for providing support for the implementation of public policies related to resolution 1540 (2004); the drafting and submission to the executive branch of the bill on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; the preparation and implementation of the operative list; and inter-agency training on the non-proliferation, identification and detection of weapons of mass destruction, and on the necessary border controls,

without prejudice to the advisory, supervisory and inspection activities carried out by the competent State institutions, together with domestic manufacturers, in relation to the trade, transport, storage and protection of dual-use substances.

To ensure better management and supervision of border crossings, the Government of the Dominican Republic is establishing and implementing inter-agency border posts operated by the Ministry of Defence, the Directorate-General of Customs, the Directorate-General of Immigration and other institutions, with personnel duly trained in matters related to weapons of mass destruction. It is also important to note the peer review exercise between the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Panama, in which the two countries exchanged experiences and best practices in implementing resolution 1540 (2004). This exercise was the second such exercise to be conducted in the Americas and the first to be conducted among the member countries of the Central American Integration System.

On the basis of the foregoing and taking into account the priorities, needs and challenges arising from the continued implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the Dominican Republic, within the framework of the cross-sectoral coordination committee for the fulfilment of the commitments of the Dominican State under resolution 1540 (2004), is voluntarily submitting the following national action plan:

Thematic area	Activity	Resolution 1540 (2004)	Estimated time frame
<b>Strengthening of institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to strengthen the leadership of the cross-sectoral coordination committee for the fulfilment of the commitments of the Dominican State under resolution 1540 (2004).</li> <li>• Expand the membership of the cross-sectoral committee to include other relevant State entities.</li> <li>• Continue to improve the mechanisms that determine the operation of the committee, the frequency of its meetings and the roles and responsibilities of each of its members.</li> </ul>	Paragraph 8	Short term 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other activities, as identified by the cross-sectoral coordination committee.</li> </ul>		
<b>Strengthening of the legislative framework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and update the current laws and controls with a view to strengthening the overall legal framework related to weapons of mass destruction.</li> <li>• Consideration will be given to the issues identified by the cross-sectoral coordination committee, as well as to the recommendations made by international bodies which provide technical assistance, and to those made in the legal study presented in 2015.</li> <li>• Begin work on the implementing regulation related to the bill on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, which covers matters such as licensing procedures for users of dual-use substances.</li> </ul>	Paragraphs 2 and 3	Short to medium term (2021–2022)
<b>Ratification of additional international instruments related to resolution 1540 (2004)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to a baseline analysis carried out by the cross-sectoral coordination committee, the legal study prepared by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2014 identified a number of international instruments (to which the Dominican Republic is a State party) of relevance to the</li> </ul>	Paragraphs 7 and 8	Medium term (mid-2022)

	<p>implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), and whose enforcement would lead to better implementation of the resolution. These instruments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism;</li> <li>(b) Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its Amendment;</li> <li>(c) International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings;</li> <li>(d) International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism;</li> <li>(e) 2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation;</li> <li>(f) 2005 Protocol to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf;</li> <li>(g) Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation;</li> <li>(h) Memorandum of understanding among the Governments of the States members of the Financial Action Task Force of Latin America, signed in 2016.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Strengthening of import and export controls</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restructure and implement control lists of dual-use items and materials and of items and materials that could contribute to proliferation, such as the operative list.</li> <li>• Design and implement (or strengthen) unified licensing systems, with</li> </ul>	<p>Paragraph 3</p>	<p>Continuous – short, medium and long term (2020–2022)</p>

	<p>effective regulations concerning end use and end users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other activities, as identified by the member institutions of the cross-sectoral coordination committee.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Capacity-building and training for officials in various sectors</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training in border and port security.</li> <li>• Continue to train actors involved in border-related operations.</li> <li>• Strengthen inter-agency coordination in the implementation of controls on dual-use substances.</li> <li>• Training in effective measures to improve border and port security; exercises to strengthen comprehensive risk management and inter-agency coordination. Training is also necessary as a result of the establishment of inter-agency border posts.</li> <li>• Training in the identification and management of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear substances.</li> <li>• Training in the identification of items and materials that could contribute to proliferation. (Ongoing activities)</li> <li>• Training in the management and detection of explosives and chemicals. (Activity completed)</li> </ul>	<p>Paragraphs 3 and 10</p>	<p>Continuous – short, medium and long term (2020–2022)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops on the identification of radioactive sources and radiation-emitting devices. (Ongoing activities)</li> <li>• Courses on responding to agents of chemical warfare and to incidents involving toxic industrial chemicals. (Activity completed)</li> <li>• Workshops on responding to radiological emergencies. (Activity completed)</li> <li>• Training of staff in the use of the equipment indicated under the first objective in section 7<sup>1</sup> below.</li> </ul>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strengthening of public health measures pursuant to the Biological Weapons Convention</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical assistance for the design and implementation of the biosecurity road map and marking of risk areas (safe means of collecting, storing and disposing of waste and samples).</li> <li>• Technical assistance for the design of emergency plans, including the development of action protocols according to the hazardousness of the agent.</li> <li>• Training in working methods designed to protect all workers involved in the management, transport, handling and storage of infectious agents, strict biosecurity measures.</li> <li>• Other training and educational initiatives, as identified by the member institutions of the cross-</li> </ul>		<p>Continuous – short, medium and long term (2020–2022)</p>

<sup>1</sup>Translator's note: The original Spanish text contains a reference to section 3, but the relevant equipment is referred to in section 7.

	sectoral coordination committee.		
<b>Acquisition of equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire equipment for physical facilities and border control units to enable the timely detection of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear substances and materials.</li> <li>Other necessary equipment, as identified by the member institutions of the cross-sectoral coordination committee.</li> </ul>	Paragraph 8	Continuous – short, medium and long term (2020–2022)
<b>Strengthening of dialogue with the private sector and industry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise awareness by including the public sector and industry in relevant meetings and events, and disseminate information to the public on procedures related to controls on imports, exports, transit, trans-shipment and the transport, storage and use of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials.</li> <li>Other activities that the cross-sectoral coordination committee may consider relevant for the strengthening of dialogue with the private sector and industry.</li> </ul>	Paragraphs 9 and 10	Continuous – short, medium and long term (2020–2022)
<b>Promotion of international and regional cooperation and dialogue with the 1540 Committee, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide information to the 1540 Committee on progress made in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and of the national action plan.</li> <li>Update the 1540 matrix regularly.</li> <li>Other actions that the cross-sectoral coordination committee may consider relevant for promoting</li> </ul>	Paragraphs 8, 9 and 10	Continuous – short, medium and long term (2020–2022)

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<b>Organization of American States, and other cooperation entities</b>	international and regional cooperation and dialogue with the 1540 Committee.		
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