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Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Madagascar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and, with regard to the letters with references S/AC.44/2019/OC.46 dated 12 March 2019 and 19-160/DELONU/L-RAH/1540 dated 25 July 2019, has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the national action plan of Madagascar for the implementation of the resolution (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Madagascar to the United Nations reiterates its appreciation to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) for its continued cooperation and takes this opportunity to convey the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 7 August 2019

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

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National action plan for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Madagascar (2019-2022)

Reference materials

The matrix developed by the 1540 Committee group of experts shows the various achievements of Madagascar in the implementation of the resolution. It also provides a visualization of the shortcomings and gaps. Although the report drawn up by Madagascar in 2008 needs to be updated, it contains basic information on the implementation of the resolution in the nuclear field.

In addition to the discussions and brainstorming activities of participants at the workshop held on 5 and 6 June 2019, the ideas found in the above-mentioned materials constitute the building blocks for the creation of the forthcoming action plan.

Strategic areas

All the actions to be undertaken by the plan are arranged in the following three priority areas: legislative framework (policy); coordination (operational); and control (technical).

- **Legislative framework:**

The majority of international treaties and conventions have been ratified by Madagascar. It now remains for the instruments and regulations to be consolidated in a way that places the measures in context by aligning national texts and incorporating the aspects not yet considered.

- **Coordination:**

This includes actions consistent with the overall management of nuclear, chemical, biological and related materials in Madagascar.

A national strategy is necessary in order to have a sector-wide view. It will include detection of various kinds, such as by instrument, device or information. Development of the strategy will begin with an inventory of the threats facing Madagascar. This will involve an assessment of existing mechanisms and arrangements, and analysis of the context (such as personnel and power relations) based on product type. The strategy will subsequently need to be approved and then operationalized.

The entity to be established with responsibility for weapons management in this priority area will be the National Weapons Commission of Madagascar (CONAMAD). Coordinating the activities of all categories of weapons, this body will address the various dimensions of weapons of mass destruction.

Information, education and communication, which are essential for obtaining popular support, are highlighted in this area.

The present action plan incorporates cooperation with organizations and institutions that have proven and relevant expertise.

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- Control:

As an essential link in combating the illicit proliferation of nuclear, chemical, biological and other related materials that could be diverted to weapons, control is a priority area in its own right. Because the control list is the main tool for operationalization, its development goes hand in hand with capacity-building.

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Priority area 1: legislative framework

No.	Action	Field	Activity	Responsible bodies	Start	End	Funding	
							State	Technical and financial partners
1.1	Strengthening the legal framework	Nuclear radiological, chemical and biological	Assessment of laws in force	-All relevant public departments -Malagasy Financial Intelligence Unit (SAMFIN) -Independent Anti-Corruption Office (BIANCO) -National Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology (INSTN) -Civil society organizations -International organizations	Oct. 19	Mar. 20	X	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and 1540 Committee
			Updating legislation		Jan. 20	Apr. 20		
			Addition to the Criminal Code		Jan. 20	Apr. 20		
			Drafting and adoption of implementing decrees		Jan. 20	Jun. 20	X	Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
			Dissemination of texts		Jun. 20	Oct. 20	X	UAA*/Biological Weapons Convention

* *Translator's note:* unexplained, untraceable abbreviation. May refer to the African Union.

Priority area 2: coordination

No.	Action	Field	Activity	Responsible bodies	Start	End	Funding																																					
							State	Technical and financial partners																																				
2.1	Establishing a national coordination body to manage all categories of weapons	Nuclear, chemical and biological	Completing the CONAMAD decree	-CONAMAD -All relevant public departments -INSTN	Jan. 20	Jun. 20	X	Arms Trade Treaty																																				
			Establishing CONAMAD		Jul. 20	Nov. 20			2.2	Implementing a national strategy for nuclear, chemical, biological and related materials	Situational analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, etc.)	Dec. 20	Jun. 21	X	1540 Committee and Group of Experts	Drafting the strategy	Jul. 21	Dec. 21	Political approval of the strategy	Dec. 21	Apr. 22	Implementing the strategy	May 22		2.3	Information, education and communication	Drafting the communication plan	Oct. 19	Dec. 19	X	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 1540 Committee and African Union	Drafting the education and training plan	Oct. 19	Dec. 19	X	Operationalization of plans	Jan. 20		X	2.4	Strengthening international partnerships	Needs assessment	Oct. 19	Dec. 19
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2.3	Information, education and communication		Drafting the communication plan		Oct. 19	Dec. 19	X	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 1540 Committee and African Union																																				
			Drafting the education and training plan		Oct. 19	Dec. 19	X																																					
			Operationalization of plans		Jan. 20		X																																					
2.4	Strengthening international partnerships		Needs assessment		Oct. 19	Dec. 19	X																																					
		Sending requests	Jan. 20																																									

Priority area 3: control

No.	Action	Field	Activity	Responsible bodies	Start	End	Funding	
							State	PTF
3.1	Drafting the control list	Nuclear, chemical and biological	Drafting an inventory of related items	All relevant departments	Jul. 20	Dec. 20	X	IAEA, 1540 Committee and UAA*
			Approval of the control list		Dec. 20	Dec. 20	X	
3.2	Strengthening border controls		Needs assessment for capacity-building (human, materials)		Jul. 20	Oct. 20	X	
			Strengthening operational capacities		Nov. 20			
			Operationalization of the new control system		Dec. 20		X	

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