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National action plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) in the Niger, 2014-2019

Generally speaking, the security environment in the Sahel-Saharan region is highly favourable to non-State actors in the Niger. The deterioration of the security situation in Libya and Mali successively, and in the region as a whole, has had significant repercussions on the internal stability of the Niger and in economic and social terms.

This state of affairs is exacerbated by the scarcity of resources, the country's large size and its long and porous borders with seven other States.

With regard to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by the Niger, we would like to point out the imbalance between the remarkably large extent to which obligations have been incorporated into the national legal framework and the country's insufficient human and material resource capacity.

Another imbalance is evident between the chemical and biological fields, where there has been a worrying lack of progress, and the radiological and nuclear fields, where implementation is more fully ensured by the nuclear security arrangements.

Accordingly, national bodies which support or could support the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (such as the National Centre for Radiation Health (CNRP), the Directorate-General of Customs, the National Financial Information Processing Unit (CENTIF), the National Commission for Illicit Arms Collection and Control (CNCCAI), the Directorate of Nuclear Applications and Electricity (DAEN), the Directorate of Mines, the Institute of Radioisotopes (IRI), the National Police and the Forensic Police Laboratory) do exist, but have varying levels of expertise.

The present national action plan, the main objective of which is the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), will therefore be subdivided into the six specific objectives below.

Specific objective 1: Strengthening of the legal framework

Activity 1: Ratification of texts.

Activity 2: Strengthening of the legal framework.

Activity 3: Establishment of a committee responsible for the biological and chemical fields.

Activity 4: Updating of certain legislation.

Specific objective 2: Capacity-building

1. Training

Activity 1: Taking ownership of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) through a regional workshop of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), which the Niger intends to promote to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the resolution, with a focus on the drafting of control lists.

Activity 2: National workshop on the control of strategic goods.

Activity 3: Training the trainers in the area of border control.

Activity 4: Integration of appropriate material into the curricula of training programmes for the Forces de défense et de sécurité.

Activity 5: Participation in workshops on resolution 1540 (2004) organized outside the country by partners, with subsequent briefing of national stakeholders.

Activity 6: Integration of issues related to resolution 1540 (2004) in the curricula of higher education establishments.

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2. Equipment

Activity 1: Identification of equipment needs.

Activity 2: Acquisition of equipment.

3. Means of implementation

Activity 1: Provision of institutional support.

Activity 2: Training of specialists and researchers.

Specific objective 3: Improvement of import and export control

Activity 1: Identification of shortcomings and improvement of means of implementation.

Specific objective 4: Good intersectoral coordination

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Activity 1: Strengthening of the body responsible for the nuclear and radiological fields.

Activity 2: Establishment and/or strengthening of the body responsible for the chemical and biological fields.

Specific objective 5: Establishment and maintenance of dialogue with the private sector and civil society

Activity 1: Identification of the sectors concerned, including the private sector (for example, mining companies), learned societies and professional associations (for example, the Niger branch of the Société Ouest-Africaine de Chimie (SOACHIM Niger)).

Activity 2: Organization of awareness-raising for the above-mentioned groups.

Specific objective 6: Maintenance of dialogue with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

Activity 1: Periodic updating of the reporting matrix.

Activity 2: Follow-up to requests for assistance.

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	Activity	Field			Persons/bodies responsible	Time frame	Funding		
		Nuclear and radiological	Chemical	Biological			National budget	Technical and financial partners	
01	Legislative framework	Ratification of texts			Foreign Affairs	2014-2019			
02		Strengthening			Ministries and other bodies concerned	2014-2019	P.M.	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), assistance providers	
03		-	Establishment of a committee to compensate for the delays in these two fields (item 14)		Bodies concerned with cooperation with the National Commission for Illicit Arms Collection and Control	First quarter of 2014	P.M.	-	
04		Updating of certain legislation	-		High Authority of the Niger for Atomic Energy and other bodies concerned	2014-2019	P.M.	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	
05	Capacity-building	Training	Regional ECOWAS workshop which the Niger intends to host to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1540 (2004), with a focus on the drafting of control lists			Point of contact and Government, in partnership with the 1540 Committee and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)	Third quarter of 2014	P.M.	UNODA and assistance providers
06			National workshop on the control of strategic goods			Point of contact and Government, in partnership with the 1540 Committee, UNODA and the World Customs Organization (WCO)	2015	P.M.	UNODA, WCO and assistance providers

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07			Training the trainers in the area of border control	Point of contact and Government, in partnership with the 1540 Committee and UNODA	2015	P.M.	UNODA, WCO, IAEA and assistance providers
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08	Capacity-building	Training	Integration of training into the curricula of training programmes for the Forces de défense et de sécurité (FDS)			Point of contact, Directorate-General of the National Police, National Guard of the Niger, Gendarmerie nationale, Forces armées nigériennes, Directorate-General of Customs and Directorate-General of the Environment, Water and Forests	2015	P.M.	
09			Participation in workshops on resolution 1540 (2004) organized outside the country by partners, with subsequent briefing of national stakeholders			Point of contact and Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2014-2019	P.M.	UNODA, WCO, IAEA and assistance providers
10			Integration of issues related to resolution 1540 (2004) in the curricula of higher education establishments			Point of contact and Ministry of Higher Education	2016	P.M.	Assistance providers
11		Equipment	Identification of equipment needs			Point of contact and Government, in partnership with the 1540 Committee and UNODA	2014-2019	P.M.	-
			Acquisition of equipment						UNODA, WCO, IAEA and assistance providers
12		Means of implementation	Institutional support and training of specialists and researchers			Government, CENTIF, DAEN, CNCCAI, Directorate of Mines, IRI, Directorate-General of Customs, National Police, CNRP, Forensic Police Laboratory	2014-2016	P.M.	
							2014-2019	P.M.	UNODA, WCO, IAEA and assistance providers

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13	Import and export control	Identification of shortcomings and improvement of means of implementation			Bodies concerned	Fourth quarter of 2014	P.M.	
14	Coordination	Strengthening of existing body	Establishment and/or strengthening of a new body		Point of contact and representatives of the bodies	2014-2019	P.M.	
15	Dialogue with the private sector and civil society	Identification of the sectors concerned, including the private sector (for example, mining companies), learned societies and professional associations (for example, SOACHIM Niger) Organization of awareness-raising for the above-mentioned groups			Point of contact, Government and bodies concerned	2014-2019	P.M.	
16	Dialogue with the Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Updating of the matrix and of activity reports			Point of contact	2014-2019		