

**Remarks by Mr. Alexander Volgarev,
Member of the Committee
Established Pursuant to UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)
at the “2014 Moscow Non-proliferation Conference”**

Distinguished participants of the Conference,

First of all let me thank the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) for the invitation to the UN Security Council 1540 Committee to attend this representative forum. On behalf of the Chairman and members of the Committee I wish you good luck and success in the work of the Conference.

This year we mark the tenth anniversary of UNSC resolution 1540. The resolution adopted unanimously on 28 April 2004 is a legally binding decision of the Security Council on measures to be taken by States to prevent the WMD and their means of delivery from falling into the hands of terrorists. This is an element of crucial importance, which makes the resolution distinct from other international non-proliferation instruments, which are as a rule of voluntary nature. Without exaggeration, the resolution has become a unique instrument in this area. The work experience accumulated over the last decade will be reflected in the Committee’s Comprehensive Review on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), which is to be submitted to the Security Council before December 2016.

The main goal of this resolution is to establish effective barriers at the national level that prevent the WMD and their means of delivery from falling into the hands of non-State actors, especially terrorists, by ensuring coordinated countering to the “black markets” of WMD materials.

The UNSC resolution 1540 (2004) has contributed to establishing close international cooperation to prevent terrorism with the use of WMD and served to strengthen the global

non-proliferation regime. It is crucial as a matter of principle that the UNSC 1540 Committee can effectively exercise its functions as a central coordinator of global efforts to implement the resolution and define strategic goals and priorities of its activities. To achieve this aim, the Committee is composed of four working groups – on monitoring and national implementation, on assistance, on cooperation with international organizations, including the UNSC Committees 1267 and 1373, and on transparency and media outreach, that cover various aspects of non-proliferation activity. Among key areas requiring special focus of the Committee one could mention:

- accumulating wide political support for the “1540 process”;
- providing assistance to states so as to comply with UNSC 1540 provisions;
- establishing best practices in implementing specific UNSC 1540 requirements.

The main efforts of this Security Council subsidiary body are currently aimed at the work with the countries which have not presented yet their first reports on the implementation of the resolution. One of the essential and urgent tasks for the international community is to achieve full implementation of UNSC resolution 1540 (2004) by all countries. The achievement of this goal is emphasized in the Statement by the President of the Security Council unanimously adopted at the Open Debate on 7 May 2014 on non-proliferation. It should be assisted by effective interaction of the Committee with specialized international, regional and sub-regional organizations that possess required expert potential and resources, as well as with the civil society, industry and private sector who also have an important role to play in this process.

Even 10 years after its adoption the resolution continues to be relevant in connection with the existing threats coming from the non-State actors. This was the main focus of attention during the above-mentioned Security Council meeting of 7 May 2014 where over 60 states have presented their statements. The only way to achieve the goals set forth in the

resolution is to provide wide support to the efforts undertaken by this Committee. There is a clear recognition that much work is still to be done to our mutual benefit in the important effort to develop a safer world by preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related materials to non-State actors.

Thank you.