

## **APPROVED 1540 COMMITTEE MATRIX**

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The 1540 Committee intends to use the matrices as a reference tool for facilitating technical assistance and to enable the Committee to continue to enhance its dialogue with States on their implementation of Security Council Resolution 1540.

The matrices are not a tool for measuring compliance of States in their non-proliferation obligations but for facilitating the implementation of Security Council Resolutions 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011), 2055 (2012) and 2325 (2016). They do not reflect or prejudice any ongoing discussions outside of the Committee, in the Security Council or any of its organs, of a State's compliance with its non-proliferation or any other obligations. Information on voluntary commitments is for reporting purpose only and does not constitute in any way a legal obligation arising from resolution 1540 or its successive resolutions.

Matrix entries are only indicators of fact and not indicators of the degree of compliance under resolution 1540 (2004) and its successor resolutions. Thus:

An “X” in any data field signifies only that the 1540 Committee considers that a State has taken the steps required, and/or has provided specific references to the applicable legal basis or executive behaviour as evidence of such steps. An “X” against any data field does not necessarily signify that a State has met in full its 1540 obligations for that data field.

A “?” in any data field signifies that the references to legislative or other measures may not be directly relevant or are incomplete.

A “NA” (Not Applicable) in any data field signifies that the data field is not applicable to that State where through legally binding instruments States specified that they do not possess related materials or facilities.

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## I. OP 1 and related matters from OP 5, OP 8 (a), (b), (c) and OP10

Adherence to legally binding instruments, membership of organisations, participation in arrangements and statements made.	Relevant information (i.e. signing, deposit of instrument of accession, ratification, etc)	Remarks (information refers to the page of the English version of the national report or an official web site)	
1	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)	Deposit 24 August 1995	
2	Nuclear Weapons Free Zone/ Protocol(s)	South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (the Treaty of Rarotonga): Deposit 9 February 1996	
3	International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism		
4	Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM)		
5	2005 Amendment to the CPPNM		
6	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) (not in force)	Deposit 16 September 2005	
7	Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)	Deposit 16 September 2005	
8	Biological Weapons Convention (BWC)	Deposit 6 September 2016	
9	Geneva Protocol of 1925		
10	1997 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings		
11	1999 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism	Deposit 31 October 2005	

12	2005 Protocol to the Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation	Deposit 20 August 2008	
13	2005 Protocol to the Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of fixed platforms located on the continental shelf	Deposit 20 August 2008	
14	2010 Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation		
15	Other relevant regional legally binding instruments	Convention to Ban the Importation Into Forum Islands Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)	
16	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Deposit 9 September 2015	
17	Directly relevant Arrangements	Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Hague Code of Conduct (HCoC)	
18	Statement on non-provision of WMD and related materials to non-State actors	State reported that it withholds any support to State or non-State actors, attempting to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery	
19	Membership in relevant international, regional or sub-regional organisations	World Customs Organization (WCO) World Health Organization (WHO) World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) International Maritime Organization (IMO) Oceania Customs Organisation Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Asia/Pacific Group of FATF Cotonou Agreement Pacific Transnational Crimes Network	

## II. OP 2 - Nuclear Weapons (NW), Chemical Weapons (CW) and Biological Weapons (BW)

National legislation which prohibits persons or entities to engage in one of the following activities and its enforcement		National legal framework						Enforcement and civil/criminal penalties			Remarks
		X / ?			Source document of national implementation law	X / ?			Source document		
		N W	C W	B W		N W	C W	B W			
1	manufacture	X			<b>NW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act 2005, as amended, Sections 32 (nuclear material- alter) and 33F (make radioactive device)	X			<b>NW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 32 (nuclear material - alter) and 33F (make radioactive device)		
2	acquire	X			<b>NW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crimes Act, as amended, Section 32 (steal, embezzle, fraudulently obtain)	X			<b>NW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crimes Act, as amended, Section 32		
3	possess	X			<b>NW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crimes Act, as amended, Sections 32 and 33F	X			<b>NW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crimes Act, as amended, Sections 32 and 33F		
4	develop										
5	transport	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 31 (nuclear material) and 33B	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 31 (nuclear material) and 33B Penal Code as amended, Section 73D		
6	transfer	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 2, 3, 5 and 10 (to be read in conjunction- preparatory action, providing weapons)	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 2, 3, 5 and 10 (to be read in conjunction- preparatory action, providing weapons) Penal Code as amended, Section 73D		
7	use	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational		

					Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 2, 3, 5, 27,32 and 33B&F				Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 5, 27, 32 and 33B&F Penal Code as amended, Section 73D	
8	attempt to engage in abovementioned activities									
9	participate as an accomplice in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 7, 10 and 10A Penal Code as amended, Sections 30-33,	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 7, 10 and 10A Penal Code as amended, Section 73D,	
10	assist in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 7, 10 and 10A Penal Code as amended, Sections 30–34	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 7, 10 and 10A Penal Code as amended, Section 73D	
11	finance abovementioned activities	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Section 6 Financial Transactions Reporting Act as amended, Section 5A	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Section 6 Financial Transactions Reporting Act as amended Section 5A Financial Intelligence Unit- Financial Transactions Reporting Act, as amended, Section 12	
12	abovementioned activities related to means of delivery <sup>1</sup>	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 2 and 33B (transport)	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 2 and 33B (transport)	

1. Means of delivery: missiles, rockets and other unmanned systems capable of delivering nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons that are specially designed for such use.

### III. OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect NW, CW and BW, including Related Materials <sup>2</sup>

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of NW, CW, BW, and their means of delivery; controls over related materials		National legal and/or regulatory framework				Enforcement and civil/criminal penalties				Remarks
		X / ?			Source document	X / ?			Source document	
		N W	C W	B W *		N W	C W	B W		
1	Measures to account for production	X			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/852 and SQP					
2	Measures to account for use	X			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/852 and SQP					
3	Measures to account for storage	X			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/852 and SQP					
4	Measures to account for transport									
5	Measures to secure production	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/852 and SQP	N A			<b>NW:</b> SQP	
6	Measures to secure use	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/852 and SQP	N A			<b>NW:</b> SQP	
7	Measures to secure storage	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/852 and SQP	N A			<b>NW:</b> SQP	
8	Measures to secure transport									
9	Physical protection measures	N A			<b>NW:</b> INFCIRC/852 and SQP	N A			<b>NW:</b> SQP	
10	Personnel Reliability									

2. Related materials: materials, equipment and technology covered by relevant multilateral treaties and arrangements, or included on national control lists, which could be used for the design, development, production or use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery.

\* Information required in this section may also be available in the State's Confidence Building Measures report, if submitted to the BWC Implementation Support Unit (online at: [http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/\(httpPages\)/4FA4DA37A55C7966C12575780055D9E8?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/80256EE600585943/(httpPages)/4FA4DA37A55C7966C12575780055D9E8?OpenDocument))

**IV. OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect NW including Related Materials (NW specific)**

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of NW, and their means of delivery; controls over related materials		Source document	Remarks
1	National regulatory authority		
2	Licensing of nuclear installations/entities/ use of materials		
3	IAEA Safeguards Agreements	INFCIRC/852 and SQP (21 May 2013) Additional Protocol in force 21 May 2013	
4	IAEA Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources		
5	Supplementary Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources		
6	IAEA Incident and Trafficking Database		
7	Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) / International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS)		
8	Applying the physical protection recommendations in INFCIRC/225/Rev.5		
9	Other Agreements related to IAEA		

10	National legislation and regulations related to nuclear material including CPPNM		
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**V. OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect CW including Related Materials (CW specific)**

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of CW, and their means of delivery; controls over related materials		Source document	Remarks
1	National CWC authority	CWC Ratification Act 2005 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade	
2	Licensing/registration of installations/facilities/ persons/entities/use/ handling of related materials		
3	Old or abandoned chemical weapons		

**VI. OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect BW including Related Materials (BW specific)**

Measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of BW, their means of delivery; controls over related materials	Source document	Remarks
1 Licensing/registration of installations/facilities/ persons/entities/use/ handling of materials		

**VII. OP 3 (c) and (d) and related matters from OP 6 - Controls of NW, CW and BW, including Related Materials**

Border controls and export and trans-shipment controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery including related materials		National legal framework					Enforcement and civil/criminal penalties					Remarks
		X / ?			Source document	X / ?			Source document			
		N W	C W	B W		N W	C W	B W				
1	Border control to detect, deter, prevent and combat illicit trafficking	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Customs Act, No.7 of 2013, as amended, Sections 14, 15, 26-28, 30 and 31  <b>BW:</b> Animal Importation and Quarantine Act No. 7 of 1988, Sections 7-9 Import of Plants Act, Sections 1-3 and 8 Quarantine Act, Sections 6 and 23	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Customs Act, No. 7 of 2013, as amended, Part 13, Sections 160-178  <b>BW:</b> Import of Plants Act, Sections 7 Quarantine Act, Section 40 Animal Importation and Quarantine Act No. 7 of 1988, Section 20			
2	Law enforcement to detect, deter, prevent and combat illicit trafficking	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Customs Act, No. 7 of 2013, as amended, Part 13, Sections 160-178	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Customs Department Police Immigration Service Quarantine Service Air and Sea Port Authorities Combined Law Enforcement Intelligence Team (CLEIT) Pacific Transnational Crime Coordination Centre (PTCCC)			
3	Border control detection measures					?	?	?	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> ASYCUDA ++			
4	Control of brokering											
5	Export control legislation in place	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW</b> Customs Act, No. 7 of 2013, as amended, Sections 61-64, 66-68	X	X	X	<b>NW/CW/BW:</b> Customs Act, No. 7 of 2013, as amended, Section 68			

					NW: Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 31- 32					NW: Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime Act, as amended, Sections 31-32	
6	Licensing provisions and Authority										
7	Control lists of materials, equipment and technology										
8	Intangible technology transfers										
9	Inclusion of means of delivery										
10	End-user controls										
11	Catch all clause										
12	Transit control										
13	Trans-shipment control										
14	Re-export control										
15	Control over financing of exports/transshipments that would contribute to proliferation										
16	Control over services related to exports/ transshipments that would contribute to proliferation including transportation										

**VIII. OP 7 and 8 (d) - Assistance, Work with and inform Industry and Public, and other Information**

1	Assistance offered	
2	Assistance Point of Contact (for assistance providers only)	
3	Assistance requested	
4	Action taken to work with and inform industry	
5	Action taken to work with and inform the public	
6	Point of Contact	
7	Voluntary National Implementation Action Plan (NAP)	
8	1540 Committee visits to States	