

APPROVED 1540 COMMITTEE MATRIX

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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 25 September 1975	
2	Nuclear Weapons Free Zone/ Protocol(s)	Treaty of Tlatelolco: Deposit 23 March 1970	
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 13 May 2002	
7	Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)	Deposit 3 December 1997	
8	Biological Weapons Convention (BWC)	Deposit 18 October 1978	
9	Geneva Protocol of 1925	Deposit 8 February 1928	
10	1997 International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings	Deposit 23 September 2003	
11	1999 International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism	Deposit 23 September 2003	

12	2005 Protocol to the Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation		
13	2005 Protocol to the Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of fixed platforms located on the continental shelf		
14	2010 Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation		
15	Other relevant regional legally binding instruments	Inter-American Convention against Terrorism: Deposit 28 January 2004	
16	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)	Since 19 August 1957	
17	Directly relevant Arrangements	The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC)	
18	Statement on non-provision of WMD and related materials to non-State actors		
19	Membership in relevant international, regional or sub-regional organisations	<p>The World Health Organization (WHO)</p> <p>The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)</p> <p>INTERPOL</p> <p>World Customs Organization (WCO) - WCO SAFE Framework</p> <p>International Maritime Organization (IMO)</p> <p>Organization of American States (OAS)</p> <p>World Bank Group</p> <p>International Monetary Fund (IMF)</p>	

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	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Bolivarian Constitution. Art. 129 Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of Arms and Ammunition (2013). Art. 7 BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 40	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 52 CW: Penal Code. Arts. 273, 274 and 275 (weapons classified under the Weapons and Explosives Act-chemicals) BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 40		
2	acquire	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of Arms and Ammunition (2013). Art. 7	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 52 CW: Penal Code. Arts. 273, 274 and 275 (weapons classified under the Weapons and Explosives Act-chemicals)		
3	possess	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 4 (1) (f) Act on Disarmament and the Control of Arms and Ammunition (2013). Art. 7	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 52		

	abovementioned activities				Penal Code. Title VII				Penal Code. Title VII	
10	assist in abovementioned activities	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 52 Penal Code. Title VII	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 52 Penal Code. Title VII	
11	finance abovementioned activities	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing, Art. 53 Penal Code. Title VII	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 53 Penal Code. Title VII	
12	abovementioned activities related to means of delivery ¹		X	X	CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of Arms and Ammunition (2013). Art. 7 Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 52			?	CW/BW: Act against Organized Crime and Terrorism Financing. Art. 52	

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 ²

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	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Art. 2</p> <p>NW: INFCIRC/300 Decree No. 2210 on technical norms for the management of Radioactive Materials (1992). Art. 8 Environmental Criminal Act. Art. 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)</p>	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Title VII</p> <p>NW: Environmental Criminal Act. Art. 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Art. 84 on sanctions related to radioactive substances</p>	
2	Measures to account for use	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Art. 65</p> <p>NW: INFCIRC/300 Environmental Criminal Act. Art. 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Decree No. 2210 on technical norms for the management of Radioactive Materials (1992). Art. 11 Norm COVENIN No. 3299-97 (Programme of Radiological Protection. Requirements). Paragraph 4.5.1</p>	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Title VII, Art. 84 on sanctions related to radioactive substances</p> <p>NW: Environmental Criminal Act. Arts. 82 on spreading chemical and biological agents and 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)</p>	
3	Measures to account for storage	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Art. 67</p>	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances,</p>	

					<p>NW: INFCIRC/300 Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Art. 53 (radioactive waste) Environmental Criminal Act. Art. 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Decree 2210 on technical norms for the management of Radioactive Materials (1992). Art. 43</p>				<p>Materials and Waste. Title VII Art. 84 on sanctions related to radioactive substances</p> <p>NW: Environmental Criminal Act. Art. 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)</p>	
4	Measures to account for transport	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Arts. 30 and 54</p> <p>NW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Art. 54 Environmental Criminal Act. Art. 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity) Decree No. 2210 on technical norms for the management of Radiological Materials (1992). Art. 13 Norm COVENIN No. 2026-1999 (Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials). Paragraph 8.8</p>	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, materials and Waste. Title VII and Art. 84 on sanctions related to radioactive substances</p> <p>NW: Environmental Criminal Act. Art. 107 (equipment and sources that emit radioactivity)</p>	
5	Measures to secure production	?	?	?	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste</p>	?	?	?	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste</p>	
6	Measures to secure use	?	?	?	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste</p>	?	?	?	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste</p>	
7	Measures to secure storage	?	?	?	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste</p>	?	?	?	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste</p>	

8	Measures to secure transport	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Arts. 50 (safety) and 54 (radioactive substances)	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste NW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste. Art. 54 Norm COVENIN 2026-1999 (Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials)
9	Physical protection measures	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste	?	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Handling of Dangerous Substances, Materials and Waste
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	Decree No. 1.615 (20 February 2015) General Directorate of Atomic Energy. Ministry for People's Power for Electric Energy	
2	Licensing of nuclear installations/entities/ use of materials	Decree No. 2210 (1992) Technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials Decree No. 1.615 (20 February 2015). Art. 18. 7	
3	IAEA Safeguards Agreements	INFCIRC/300 in force 11 March 1982	
4	IAEA Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources	Expressed support	
5	Supplementary Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources of the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources	Designated Contact Point and responded to Self-Assessment Questionnaire	
6	IAEA Incident and Trafficking Database	Participates	
7	Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan (INSSP) / International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS)	INNSP approved	
8	Applying the physical protection recommendations in INFCIRC/225/Rev.5		
9	Other Agreements related to IAEA	Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL)	

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	Presidential Decree No. 4086 of 16 November 2005: Establishment of a National Authority Ministry for People's Power and Foreign Affairs	
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	NW/CW/BW: Customs Organic Law as amended. Arts. 6 and 7 Regulation on Customs Organic Law. Arts. 62 and 63 Decree No. 3679 of 28 June 2005 on Nomenclature Common Tariff. Chapter III Organic Law on National Security and Defense. Art. 49	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Ministry of Finance Customs Authority National Integrated Customs and Tax Administration Service (SENIAT) Organic Law of Customs. Chapter VII on customs illicit acts Smuggling Act. Art. 7			
2	Law enforcement to detect, deter, prevent and combat illicit trafficking	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Ministry of Finance Customs Authority Organic Law of Customs. Chapter VII on customs illicit acts	X	X	X	NW/CW/BW: Ministry of Finance Customs Authority National Integrated Customs and Tax Administration Service (SENIAT) Organic Law of Customs Chapter VII on customs illicit acts Smuggling Act. Art. 7			
3	Border control detection measures											
4	Control of brokering											
5	Export control legislation in place	X	?	?	NW/CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of Arms and Ammunition (2013), Arts. 9 and 57 (only on export control related to WMD)	X						

					<p>NW: Decree No. 2210 of 1992 on technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials. Art. 9 Norms for the issuance of permits for the import and export of radioactive sources and equipment generating ionizing radiations (Official Gazette No. 39.994, 27 August 2012)</p>				<p>NW: Decree No. 2210 of 1992 on technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials Norms for the issuance of permits for the import and export of radioactive sources and equipment generating ionizing radiations (Official Gazette No. 39.994, 27 August 2012)</p>	
6	Licensing provisions and Authority	X			<p>NW: Decree No. 2210 of 1992 on technical Standards for Handling Radioactive Materials. Art. 9 Norms for the issuance of permits for the import and export of radioactive sources and equipment generating ionizing radiations (Official Gazette No. 39.994, 27 August 2012) Decree No. 1.615 (20 February 2015). Art. 18.7</p>	X			<p>NW: Ministry for People's Power for Electric Energy</p>	
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	X	X	X	<p>NW/CW/BW: Act on Disarmament and the Control of Arms and Ammunition (2013), Art. 9 (for WMD only)</p>					
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									
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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	