

Program of Work
of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to UNSCR 1540 (2004)
(1 April – 30 June 2005)

The first programme of work of the 1540 Committee covers the period from 1 April to 30 June 2005.

1. Examination of first national reports

The Committee had received by 1 April 2005 first reports submitted pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) from (115) states and one organization.

To help it complete its mandate to report to the Security Council on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the main objective for the work of the Committee is the examination of national reports. The Committee will examine at least 40 national reports on implementation of resolution 1540 before June 30 2005.

2. Facilitation of technical assistance

In the process of examining the first national reports, the Committee will start considering possible sources of technical assistance for states that have requested such assistance in order to implement resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee welcomes information on action already underway to assist States in areas relevant to resolution 1540 implementation, and will discuss how such assistance can best be facilitated.

3. Encouraging further reporting

(80) States have yet to submit their first national report in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1540 (2004).

The Committee will seek to improve further reporting through interaction with non reporting states.

The Chairman will continue to raise the issue of further reporting through briefings with Member States, reaching out to regional coordinators and addressing new reminders to those that have yet to report.

4. Transparency

Transparency will continue to be an important objective of the work of the Committee. It will continue to interact on a regular basis with the UN Member States through briefings by the Chair and the Vice-Chairmen, as well as through common briefings with the Chairmen of CTC and Committee 1267.

The Committee will update its website (<http://disarmament2.un.org/Committee1540>) as a source of additional information on issues related to resolution 1540 (2004).

The Committee will continue to inform organizations outside the United Nations about the Committee's work through attendance at regional and sub-regional meetings and conferences.

States are encouraged to make direct contact with the Committee's members and its experts to seek any necessary clarification on the issues covered in their correspondence with the Committee or on other matters: (phone: +1 212 457 1296; fax: +1 212 457 4045; and/or e-mail: 1540experts@un.org). In addition, the 1540 Committee, with the support of its experts, may, when deemed appropriate, contact States to seek further clarification from them on issues arising from their reports.

5. Cooperation between 1540 Committee and international, regional and sub-regional organizations, and other Security Council subsidiary bodies

As the examination process evolves, the Committee will interact and cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations in order to seek support for its work and facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee will continue to build upon the results of its first meeting with the OPCW and the IAEA.

The Committee will also seek, as appropriate, to develop a working relationship with such organizations.

The Committee will maintain close relations and cooperation with the CTC and the Al Qaeda/Taliban Sanctions Committee as provided for in resolution 1566 (2004), including by sharing information.