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Mr. President,

In my capacity as Chair of the 1540 Committee, I am pleased to report to the Council on progress made in the implementation of resolution 1540 since my last briefing in November 2013.

At the outset, I would like to express my appreciation for the support given by the members of the Security Council and the Secretariat to the work of the 1540 Committee. In particular, the Security Council Open Debate on May 7 with the topic, “Commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of Resolution 1540 and Looking Ahead,” was held successfully. More than 60 Member States expressed their strong commitment to implementation of the resolution. As encapsulated in the Presidential Statement adopted, and echoed by many, the 1540 Committee was recommended to consider developing a strategy towards full implementation of resolution 1540. In the same vein,

the Committee will continue to enhance ongoing cooperation among relevant Committees as necessary, as well as to coordinate its nonproliferation work with other international, regional and sub-regional organizations.

On the promotion of universal reporting, the Committee received one additional initial report over the past six months, bringing the number of non-reporting States down to 21. With the support of the group of experts and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, three special meetings are being held to engage and assist the remaining Member States. By the end of June we will have engaged 19 out of the 21 non-reporting States.

Since the last joint briefing, the 1540 Committee and its experts made two country visits to Niger and Bangladesh at their invitations and also participated in 46 outreach events worldwide. They provided excellent opportunities to further the implementation of resolution 1540 and facilitate assistance to support capacity building in many states.

The Committee has also embarked on the compilation of effective practices. I take this opportunity to thank all those Member States and international, regional, and sub-

regional organizations for submitting useful information in this regard.

Facilitating “matchmaking” between assistance requests and offers also remains a priority for the Committee. We will review practical recommendations for strengthening our assistance mechanism in the coming weeks. I look forward to reporting this outcome to the Council at the next briefing in November.

Since the last joint briefing on 29 November 2013, we also received new formal notifications of 15 points of contact (PoC). To date, the Committee has been advised of points of contact for 79 States and 12 international and regional organisations. At special meetings held in early April in Vienna, organised by UNODA and OSCE, PoCs from States as well as from international organisations were brought together to share experiences. This is an encouraging step in our efforts to move towards the development of a living network of PoCs.

I would like to conclude by reiterating the Chair’s commitment towards achieving universal and full implementation of resolution 1540. As we celebrate the tenth anniversary of this seminal resolution, there is a

substantial agenda before us. Under the guidance of the thirteenth Programme of Work which was submitted to the Council last week, the 1540 Committee will continue to actively cooperate with all stakeholders to address all aspects of the resolution in preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors. The collaboration between the three Committees and their experts is crucial in this regard and I look forward to sustained cooperation in the future.

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