

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

"The threat of terrorism in Latin America and the Caribbean"

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)

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Resolution 1540 (2004)

- Adopted under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, reaffirmed by follow up resolutions
- All states must:
 - OP 1: Not support any attempts by non-state actors to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use WMD & their means of delivery
 - OP 2: Adopt and enforce effective laws to prohibit any non-state actor from carrying out such activities, including as an accomplice, or to assist or to finance them
 - OP 3: Establish domestic controls to prevent proliferation of WMD and related materials: To include measures for accounting/securing, physical protection, border and law enforcement, export and trade-related controls
- Resolution 1540 complements relevant multilateral treaties and arrangements



Resolution 1540 (2004) - References to terrorism threat

Resolution 1540 (2004)

Preambular Paragraph: Gravely concerned by the threat of terrorism and the risk that non-State actors such as those identified in resolution 1267 and those to whom resolution 1373 applies, may acquire, develop, traffic in or use NCB weapons and means of delivery

Resolution 2325 (2016)

Preambular Paragraph: Remaining gravely concerned ...

OP 27. Enhance cooperation among the 1540 Committee, the 1267 Committee and the 1373 Committee including, as appropriate, enhanced information sharing, coordination on visits to States, technical assistance and other issues of relevance



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Resolution 1540 (2004) – Cooperation

Resolution 2325 (2016)

- OP 22. Encourages the Committee to develop, in collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations, assistance projects to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004)
- OP 23. Encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to enhance cooperation and information-sharing with the 1540 Committee
- OP 24. Calls upon relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to provide the Committee with Points of Contact or Coordinator
- OP 25. Encourages relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, to highlight the obligations of resolution 1540 (2004) in their model legislation and/or guidelines

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Resolution 1540 (2004) Cooperation: Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Coordinators

- UNSCR 1540 Coordinator, Organization of American States (OAS)
- Regional Coordinator for implementation of 1540 in the CARICOM region

National Workshops

1540 Points of Contact

Training Courses (most recent in 2019, in the CARICOM region)

1540 Committee's assistance mechanism: Currently:

- 4 States submitted requests
- 5 States registered as assistance providers

Peer Reviews

Three examples from the region



Resolution 1540 (2004) - Comprehensive Reviews

Resolution 1977 (2011) OP 3. Decides that the 1540 Committee will conduct a comprehensive review on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), both after five years and prior to the renewal of its mandate, including, if necessary, recommendations on adjustments to the mandate, and submit a report to the Security Council

Committee Mandate expires 25 April 2021

Modalities Paper (18 April 2019) posted on Committee website, sets out scope and terms of the 2021 Review

Postponement of Review (Letter from Chair of 1540 Committee to President of Security Council 27 August 2019) Due to disruption caused by the pandemic: Revision of Committee matrices and events that can be conducted online will continue



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