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Letter dated 7 February 2019 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and in accordance with paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 2325 (2016), I have the honour to transmit herewith the eighteenth programme of work of the Committee, for the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020 (see annex).

I should appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1540 (2004)



Annex

Programme of work of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) for the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020

I. Introduction

1. The Security Council, in paragraph 2 of its resolution 2325 (2016), decided that the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) would submit its programme of work to the Council before the end of January of each year. The eighteenth programme of work of the Committee covers the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020. The Committee has agreed on this programme of work to fulfil its responsibilities under resolutions 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016).

2. The Security Council, in paragraph 12 of its resolution 2325 (2016), decided that the Committee should continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004) through its programme of work. This includes the compilation and general examination of information on the status of States' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in addition to States' efforts at outreach, dialogue, assistance and cooperation. In its resolution 2325 (2016), the Council also noted the need for more attention to be focused on enforcement measures; measures relating to biological, chemical and nuclear weapons; proliferation finance measures; accounting for and securing related materials; and national export and trans-shipment controls.

3. The Committee will continue to work with States on the implementation of resolutions 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011) and 2325 (2016), guided in its approach by the principles of transparency, equal treatment, cooperation and consistency.

4. To implement the eighteenth programme of work more efficiently, the Committee will continue to operate a system of four working groups. Each working group is engaged in specific tasks relating to the programme of work, which are noted within each of the main sections below. Each working group will be chaired by a member of the Committee, and support will be provided by the Secretariat and the Committee's group of experts. In addition, in striving to meet its objectives efficiently and promptly, the Committee will publish a schedule for periodic meetings of all four working groups which will include their periodic feedback.

5. All working group meetings will be announced to all Security Council delegations. All meeting documents will be circulated to all Council delegations before the meetings. The work will be organized in such a manner as to enable all delegations, regardless of size, to participate fully in all of the activities of the working groups. The Committee will promote greater transparency by, where relevant, holding open meetings on working group outcomes approved by the Committee and by communicating those outcomes to national contact points. The Committee, in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the Department of Global Communications of the Secretariat, will also update its website regularly with regard to the work of those groups.

6. The final document on the 2016 comprehensive review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (S/2016/1127) was submitted to the Security Council on 9 December 2016. In its resolution 2325 (2016), the Council endorsed the comprehensive review and noted the findings and recommendations in its final report.

The Committee will continue to note in its work the findings and recommendations set out in the comprehensive review.

II. Tasks of the Committee and its four working groups

7. The Committee's focus of attention will be on, but not limited to, the following main areas of work: (a) monitoring and national implementation; (b) assistance; (c) cooperation with international organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies, including the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) concerning counter-terrorism; and (d) transparency and media outreach. In addition, the Committee will consider issues relating to administration and resources. The Committee, with the support of its group of experts and the Secretariat will propose, by the end of February, an indicative timetable of regular meetings in the form of an annex to the programme of work schedule to ensure that its work across all four main areas is conducted throughout the year in an appropriate and timely manner and that there is due consideration of and action in the agreed areas below.

A. Monitoring and national implementation

8. The Committee will:

(a) Brief the Security Council and submit the annual review on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) by the end of December 2019, while also continuing to brief the Council jointly with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) concerning counter-terrorism once within the present year;

(b) With the objective of achieving universal reporting as soon as possible, continue to strengthen efforts to encourage the remaining 11 States that have not yet submitted their first report to do so, including by engaging in dialogue with those States to highlight the importance of universal reporting and the assistance that is available and by assessing which practices have been most effective in stimulating national reporting; and continue to encourage States to submit additional information regarding implementation, while seeking, as appropriate, submissions that identify changes in existing information in a precise form and with supporting background information; this might include issuing to States notes verbales that reiterate reporting requirements on national implementation and meeting countries' representatives on the margins of the General Assembly;

(c) Undertake initiatives to strengthen the capacity of national points of contact to assist in the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) upon the request of States and encourage States that have not yet done so to appoint such national points of contact, including through the continuation, on a regional basis, of the Committee's points of contact training programme; the focuses of attention in this training programme should include the reporting and information-sharing capacities of States and the continued adaptation of the course syllabus for each region;

(d) Following the completed revision of all matrices in 2016 and the revision of the matrix format in 2017, continue ongoing updates and the systematic review of all matrix information;

(e) Hold discussions on optimal approaches to enforcing appropriate effective laws for the prohibition of activities under paragraph 2 of resolution 1540 (2004);

(f) Request the group of experts, following open consultations with Member States and regional organizations, as appropriate, to submit a working paper by the end of 2019 for the Committee's consideration regarding an approach to implementation and reporting that takes into account the specificity of States, inter alia, with respect to their ability to manufacture and export related materials, with a view to prioritizing efforts and resources where they are most needed without affecting the need for comprehensive implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);

(g) Continue to take note of paragraph 14 of resolution 2325 (2016) with regard to effective national control lists;

(h) Continue to encourage States, in line with paragraphs 7 and 12 of resolution 1977 (2011) and paragraph 4 of resolution 2325 (2016), to identify and voluntarily report on effective national practices in implementing resolution 1540 (2004), and also continue the practice of sharing compilations of effective best practices periodically;

(i) Continue to encourage States, under paragraph 8 of resolution 1977 (2011) and paragraph 5 of resolution 2325 (2016), to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans, as appropriate, mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004), and to submit those plans to the Committee;

(j) Continue to raise awareness of the multilateral treaties and conventions aimed at preventing the proliferation of, or eliminating, nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and, within the context of paragraph 8 (a) of resolution 1540 (2004), to promote their universal adoption and full implementation and, where applicable, to promote their implementation by States parties to them;

(k) Also continue to raise awareness of the relevant international legal instruments whose implementation would address obligations under resolution 1540 (2004), and, within the context of paragraph 8 (a) of resolution 1540 (2004), to promote their universal adoption and full implementation;

(l) Take note in its work, where relevant, of the continually evolving nature of the risks of proliferation within the context of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);

(m) Hold a closed expert-level meeting of the Committee to consider other issues highlighted in resolution 2325 (2016), namely, accounting for and securing related materials, with invitations to expert speakers, as appropriate.

B. Assistance

9. The Committee will:

(a) Maintain an up-to-date list of requests for assistance by States and offers of assistance by States and international, regional and subregional organizations, and maintain a regularly updated database of requests for and offers of assistance, indicating where they have been matched;

(b) Review requests, offers and related assistance programmes as regards developing more effective matching strategies and enabling better responses to specific needs; promote, where appropriate, the use of the assistance template by States when drafting assistance requests; and continue to help States, when possible, to formulate detailed and effective assistance requests that reflect all necessary

information about a specific assistance need, including in relation to how the requests fit into their national implementation plans, as appropriate;

(c) Engage actively in communication between requesting States and assistance providers in its matching process, to improve the flow of information among all parties involved, seeking more follow-up information and, where appropriate, assisting in initiating dialogue between States requesting assistance and assistance providers;

(d) Continue to work with States, upon invitation, and provide assistance through its group of experts, at the State's invitation and subject to available resources, to more actively facilitate assistance by developing assistance workshops or country-specific assistance projects for a State or a region, especially as a quick assistance response, where appropriate, to requests made during dialogue with States, such as through follow-up visits using additional resources, including, potentially, the use of the trust fund for global and regional disarmament activities;

(e) Continue to organize and participate in outreach activities of the Committee, as will its group of experts, at the international, regional and subregional levels, while being prepared to emphasize and engage with regard to assistance programmes, and to promote the sharing of experience through peer-to-peer reviews and other means, tabletop exercises for evaluating and reinforcing effective practices, and lessons learned, while being ready to facilitate offers of or requests for assistance;

(f) Work with States and international, regional and subregional organizations to help them develop assistance projects designed to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) and make more effective offers of assistance for States (or groups of States);

(g) Continue to engage actively in matching offers and requests for assistance and continue, where appropriate, to develop regional approaches to assistance needs and efforts to meet them, including through the holding of regional assistance conferences;

(h) Provide updates on the status of assistance requests and offers to the Committee on a regular basis, and no less frequently than every quarter;

(i) Highlight to States that have received assistance in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) the Committee's appreciation for the voluntary sharing of best practices regarding assistance with the Committee;

(j) Where appropriate, and with the permission of the States concerned, periodically share compilations of effective best practices regarding the provision of assistance in implementing resolution 1540 (2004).

C. Cooperation with international organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies

10. The Committee will:

(a) Continue to enhance its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies, and develop ways of operating with those organizations on a case-by-case basis and, where appropriate, reflecting programmatically the variation in each organization's capacity and mandate, including through exchanges at the working level, briefings to and from the Committee and enhanced information-sharing arrangements on issues such as networks of points of contact, effective practices and assistance;

(b) Consider inviting expert speakers from international organizations and other United Nations bodies to its meetings, as appropriate;

(c) Under paragraph 18 of resolution 1977 (2011), continue to encourage international, regional and subregional organizations to designate and provide a point of contact or coordinator for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and maintain up-to-date information on such contacts;

(d) Maintain dialogue and information exchange with designated points of contact or coordinators on issues relating to their contribution to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);

(e) Convene a meeting with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations on the margins of the General Assembly for sharing information and experiences related to their efforts to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);

(f) Improve the coordination of the planning of specific activities with regional and subregional organizations in order to develop their active role in supporting the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);

(g) Organize joint country visits with other international, regional and subregional organizations at the invitation of the States, as appropriate;

(h) Where directly relevant to the goals of the Committee's programme of work, continue to participate in major events organized by international, regional and subregional organizations as opportunities for dialogue with them and their points of contact or coordinators;

(i) Continue to explore opportunities to enhance ongoing cooperation with the related sanctions committees identified in paragraph 8 (a) above concerning counter-terrorism, including through, as appropriate, enhanced information-sharing and coordination on visits to States, within their respective mandates, and technical assistance, and other issues of relevance to all three committees;

(j) As appropriate, continue to expand both formal and informal working relationships with international non-proliferation mechanisms, including zones free of nuclear weapons or weapons of mass destruction, and work streams to implement decisions of the Nuclear Security Summits, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Conference on Nuclear Security: Commitments and Actions, which was held in 2016, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Implementation Support Unit under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction and the non-proliferation facet of the Global Health Security Agenda and other United Nations bodies and international, regional and subregional organizations, where applicable:

(i) To facilitate the sharing of information on effective practices and lessons learned, in addition to templates and guidance, including with a view to their incorporation into the compilation envisaged in paragraph 9 (j) above;

(ii) To identify assistance requirements and programmes through which its work with international, regional and subregional organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies can focus on facilitating the activity of those organizations with respect to remedying national implementation challenges, such as reconciling priorities, harmonizing approaches, facilitating advisory and drafting services and matching requests for and offers of assistance, and to promote regional cooperation and communication on the implementation of the resolution;

(iii) To enhance information-sharing, coordination on visits to countries, within their respective mandates, technical assistance and other issues of relevance to the Committee and the Security Council Committee pursuant to

resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) concerning counter-terrorism, as appropriate.

D. Transparency and media outreach

11. The Committee will:

(a) Increase interaction on a regular basis with all States Members of the United Nations, including, where appropriate, through open meetings, as noted in paragraph 20 of resolution [1977 \(2011\)](#) and paragraph 28 of resolution [2325 \(2016\)](#), and by regularly updating its website;

(b) Continue to maintain the website as the main source of information and resources relating to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), and to regularly update it with information that includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Outreach events and workshops already conducted and confirmed upcoming events, including information notes on such activities;

(ii) Information concerning relevant activities of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) concerning counter-terrorism and other United Nations bodies;

(iii) A list of frequently asked questions;

(c) Continue to encourage States to promote dialogue and cooperation, including, where appropriate, with civil society and academia, to address the threat posed by illicit trafficking in nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery, and related materials;

(d) Also continue to encourage States to develop appropriate ways to work with and inform industry regarding its obligations under national laws, in line with paragraph 8 (d) of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), including to support the conduct of global and regional meetings with industry;

(e) Consider and seize opportunities, as appropriate, for direct interaction, with the consent of the States concerned, with relevant industries and industry groups, academia and civil society;

(f) Continue to increase efforts to raise awareness among parliamentarians and other high-level decision makers, for example by participating in and supporting activities directly related to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) by the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(g) In line with paragraphs 5 (b) and 22 (d) of resolution [1977 \(2011\)](#), continue to consider ways to better utilize and maintain expertise, including, in particular, that of former members of its group of experts, which could be made available for specific missions and assistance needs regarding the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#);

(h) Continue to brief States and international, regional and subregional organizations, formally and informally, on the work of the Committee and the obligations and requirements under resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

III. Administration and resources

12. The Committee will also consider issues relating to administration and resources. It will, inter alia:

(a) In accordance with the priorities and activities set out in the programme of work, convene, as appropriate, informal expert-level meetings to review progress on its implementation, receive updates on Committee activities from working group Chairs and its group of experts, and relevant updates from the Office for Disarmament Affairs;

(b) Continue its good cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs in order to strengthen the regional capacity of the Office to provide support for the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#);

(c) Also continue to conduct regular meetings of the Committee and its working groups and, as necessary, additional meetings with relevant parties so as to further the mandate under resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), including meetings that may require participation from capitals on topics of high priority;

(d) Encourage States and international, regional and subregional organizations, as appropriate, to support the work of the Committee and its programmes;

(e) Continue to encourage and take full advantage of voluntary financial contributions provided to assist States in identifying and addressing their needs with regard to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), and, at the Committee's discretion, promote the efficient and effective use of the existing funding mechanisms within the United Nations system;

(f) Also continue to make efficient use of the expertise of its group of experts and consider ways of strengthening capabilities and effectiveness with regard to support for the Committee's work;

(g) Further continue its efforts to ease the transition of new non-permanent members into the Committee, including by making relevant documentation available and providing appropriate briefings, and maintain the network of non-permanent members leaving the Committee, to provide support for the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#);

(h) Regarding all aspects of the Committee's work, consider what methodologies may be appropriate for producing quantitative measures of success within the terms of resolutions [1540 \(2004\)](#), [1673 \(2006\)](#), [1810 \(2008\)](#) and [1977 \(2011\)](#), including by examining options for technical support so as to enable better acquisition, storage, retrieval, analysis and display of data and facilitate reporting through electronic tools.