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**Letter dated 23 December 2019 from the Chair of the
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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 9 of Council resolution 1977 (2011), I have the honour to transmit herewith the review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) for 2019 (see annex).

I should be grateful 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

Review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) for 2019

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 1540 (2004), the Security Council expressed its intention to monitor closely the implementation of the resolution and, at the appropriate level, to take further decisions that might be required. On 20 April 2011, the Council unanimously adopted resolution 1977 (2011). Under paragraph 9 of resolution 1977 (2011), the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) is mandated to prepare a review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) before the end of December each year, addressing in particular all aspects of paragraphs 1 to 3 of the resolution, including developing and maintaining efforts to implement the resolution in accordance with national legal authorities and legislation, and consistent with international law. In its resolution 2325 (2016), adopted on 15 December 2016, the Council welcomed the continuous submission of the annual review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), prepared with the assistance of the Committee's Group of Experts, in December each year.

2. The present review focuses on the implementation of the Committee's eighteenth programme of work for the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020 (see S/2019/127, annex).¹

3. The work of the Committee and its Group of Experts during the reporting period was carried out against the background of the preparations for the upcoming comprehensive review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), which is due to take place before the end of the mandate of the Committee on 25 April 2021.

II. Progress and outcomes

4. In 2019, the Committee, chaired by Dian Triansyah Djani (Indonesia), continued to facilitate and monitor the implementation by States of resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee held three formal and six informal sessions in 2019.

5. The Committee's work was facilitated by the working group on monitoring and national implementation, coordinated by Enri Prieto (Peru), which held one informal session; the working group on assistance, coordinated by Alexia Jarrot and Vincent Braconnay (France), which held two informal sessions; the working group on cooperation with international organizations, coordinated by Antonin Benjamin Bieke (Côte d'Ivoire), which held two informal sessions; and the working group on transparency and media outreach, coordinated by Stephen Knight (United States of America), which held two informal sessions.

A. Monitoring and national implementation

6. 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. The Committee and its Group of Experts continued the compilation and general examination of

¹ The 2019 review contains data and information received as at 20 December 2019. Data and information received after that date will be reflected in the 2020 review.

information on the status of States' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in addition to their efforts at outreach, dialogue, assistance and cooperation. In its relevant interaction with Member States, and in accordance with resolution 2325 (2016), the Committee gave due attention to 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.

7. Following the completed revision of matrices in 2016, the revision of the matrix format in 2017 and the conversion of the Committee's existing matrices to the new format in 2018, the Committee commenced the updating and systematic review of all matrix information in 2019, in preparation for the next comprehensive review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), which is due to be completed before 25 April 2021.

8. In its resolution 2325 (2016), the Security Council called upon all States that had not yet done so to submit an initial report to the Committee without delay. In the context of achieving universal reporting as outlined in the eighteenth programme of work, the Committee continued its efforts to encourage the submission of such reports, including through direct interaction and bilateral meetings. In that regard, in March 2019, the Chair wrote to the remaining 11 States that had not yet submitted reports to encourage them to send to the Committee their initial report in line with resolutions 1540 (2004) and 2325 (2016). Furthermore, the Committee's Group of Experts conducted a visit to Solomon Islands on 29 and 30 October 2019, at its request, to assist it in drafting its initial national report. The Chair and the Group of Experts also held bilateral discussions with several non-reporting States, including on the margins of meetings of the General Assembly and events relating to resolution 1540 (2004). The Central African Republic and Solomon Islands submitted their initial reports to the Committee in 2019. A total of 184 of the 193 Member States have now provided their reports.

9. In the same resolution, the Security Council encouraged States to provide additional information on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including, on a voluntary basis, on their laws and regulations and effective practices in implementing the resolution. In that regard, in March 2019, the Chair sent letters to all reporting States encouraging them to submit up-to-date information, which would provide more accurate data with which the Committee would be able to more effectively discharge its responsibilities, including in preparation for the next comprehensive review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). During the reporting period, 23 States (Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Cuba, Czechia, Finland, Honduras, India, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Monaco, Paraguay, Senegal, Singapore, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay and Zambia) provided such additional information, including on measures related to prohibiting non-State actors from using nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery, as well as on measures to establish national controls to prevent the proliferation of and illicit trafficking in such weapons and related materials.

10. In its resolution 2325 (2016), the Security Council also encouraged States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004). In 2019, four such plans were submitted. Uzbekistan submitted its third voluntary national implementation action plan, and Madagascar, Paraguay and Suriname submitted their initial plans, bringing to 35 the total number of States having submitted national action plans to the Committee since 2007. The plans of Suriname and Madagascar were developed with the assistance of the Committee, following participation by experts in national workshops in the two countries during 2018 and 2019, respectively.

11. The Security Council, in its resolution [2325 \(2016\)](#), recognized that it was important that the Committee continue to actively engage in dialogue with States on their implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), including through visits to States at their invitation. In 2019, the Committee undertook visits to Chile, Kuwait, Madagascar and Togo to discuss the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), to exchange updated information, to identify achievements and assistance needs and, where appropriate, to map out future actions for the implementation of the resolution. During the visits, relevant national officials, including senior-level government representatives, met with the Committee's experts.

12. States are encouraged to inform the Committee of their points of contact for resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), both in their capitals and in their permanent missions to the United Nations in New York. In 2019, Austria, Cambodia, Cuba, Czechia, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Montenegro, Myanmar, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, San Marino, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe named or provided updates regarding their points of contact. To date, a total of 119 Member States, compared with 106 in 2018, have informed the Committee of their points of contact for resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

13. In its eighteenth programme of work, the Committee encouraged initiatives to strengthen the capacity of national points of contact for resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and the continuation of training courses conducted at the regional level for points of contact. In that regard, training courses were held with the participation of instructors from the Committee's Group of Experts, from 26 to 28 March in Addis Ababa, for participants from English-speaking African countries, supported by the African Union; from 10 to 12 September in Bridgetown, supported by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Office for Disarmament Affairs; and from 21 to 25 October in Xiamen, China, for the third time, for Asia-Pacific countries. Experts from international and other regional organizations contributed to the training courses.

14. In its eighteenth programme of work, the Committee recognized the need to promote the sharing of experience through peer reviews and other means, table-top exercises to evaluate and reinforce effective practices, and lessons learned. In 2019, the Group of Experts participated in two peer review meetings organized with the support of the Organization of American States (OAS). The first peer review was conducted between the Dominican Republic and Panama, with meetings held in Santo Domingo from 26 to 29 March and in Panama City from 9 to 12 April. The second peer review was conducted between Paraguay and Uruguay in Montevideo on 20 and 21 August and in Asunción on 11 and 12 September. To date, five peer review meetings have been held globally, three of which were in countries of the Latin American and Caribbean Group.

15. In accordance with the eighteenth programme of work, the Committee convened open consultations on 4 October with Member States and international and regional organizations on the specificity of States. Prior to the consultations, Member States were invited to submit their views, with written inputs received from four States. During its meeting held on 20 December, the Committee considered a working paper on 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 the comprehensive implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

16. In paragraph 3 of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), binding obligations are imposed on all States to take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic controls to

prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials, and to that end to develop and maintain appropriate effective measures to account for and secure such items in production, use, storage or transport. In accordance with the eighteenth programme of work, the Committee convened an expert-level meeting on accounting and securing related materials in the context of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). An expert from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) made a presentation during the meeting.

B. Assistance

17. States submitted 11 new requests for assistance to the Committee in 2019, compared with 9 in 2018, from Algeria, Chile, the Dominican Republic/Panama, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Paraguay/Uruguay, Solomon Islands and Togo. The requests from Chile, Kuwait and Solomon Islands consisted of invitations to the Committee to visit those States to discuss implementation measures and reporting. The requests from Dominican Republic/Panama and Paraguay/Uruguay concerned their peer review exercises.

18. The Committee received letters from States and international organizations indicating their readiness to consider current requests for assistance, informing the Committee about current activities or possible areas in which assistance could be offered. Responses to requests for assistance were made to the following States:

(a) Malawi, from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE);

(b) Mexico, from IMO, OPCW, WCO and OIE;

(c) Togo, from IMO, OPCW, WCO and OIE.

Responses were relayed by the Committee to the States concerned for their action in taking up the offers directly with the providers.

19. In response to the request of Madagascar, which was made in June 2018, the Group of Experts visited the State in June 2019 to assist its Government by discussing implementation measures or in the drafting of a voluntary national implementation action plan. In response to the request of Kuwait, the Group of Experts visited the State to assist its Government in the drafting of its additional report. In response to the requests of the Dominican Republic/Panama and of Paraguay/Uruguay, the Group of Experts visited the States to assist their Governments in conducting peer reviews.

20. In continuing to carry out its clearing-house function in a transparent manner, the Committee posted on its website summaries of requests for assistance from Member States, as well as offers of assistance from Member States, international, regional and subregional organizations or other entities.

21. The Committee continued to maintain a consolidated list of requests for assistance, indicating where offers and requests for assistance have been matched, to be used as required in response to requests for information and, as appropriate, at outreach events.

22. In 2019, the coordinators of the working group on assistance continued to provide quarterly updates on ongoing matching activities and provided short summaries of new requests for and offers of assistance to the members of the working group.

23. In 2019, the Chair of the Committee sent letters to registered assistance providers requesting updated information about the assistance that they can provide

or about other possible assistance programmes that they are in a position to provide to Member States seeking help in meeting obligations under resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee received responses from IMO, the Zangger Committee, the Nuclear Suppliers Group, OIE, OPCW and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research with information on their continuous provision of assistance. It also received responses from nine States with updated offers of assistance.

24. The Chair of the Committee also sent letters to States with pending requests for assistance on the Committee's website, seeking updated information on their assistance needs and confirming that the Committee stands ready to make additional efforts, if necessary, to facilitate a dialogue with assistance providers to further the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The website was updated accordingly.

25. The Group of Experts continued its consultations with officials from States during various outreach events, including during visits to States and national round tables on the implementation of obligations under resolution 1540 (2004), and regularly provided information about and illustrated methods of assistance that could help States to strengthen their legislative and regulatory frameworks related to resolution 1540 (2004). They also explained the clearing-house role of the Committee, which is designed to facilitate the flow of information between States requesting assistance and providers of assistance, and promoted, where appropriate, the use by States of the Committee's template when drafting requests for assistance.

C. Cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations

26. In its resolutions 1810 (2008) and 1977 (2011), the Security Council encouraged the Committee to actively engage with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to promote the sharing of experiences and lessons learned in the areas covered by resolution 1540 (2004). In paragraph 22 of resolution 2325 (2016), the Council encouraged the Committee, in collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations, to develop assistance projects to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004). In response, and as required under paragraph 10 (a) of its programme of work for the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020, the Committee continued to enhance its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies, as set out below.

27. The Group of Experts participated in the following meetings of regional and subregional organizations:

(a) A training course organized by the African Union for points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004) from English-speaking African countries, held in Addis Ababa in March;

(b) Peer review meetings involving Panama and the Dominican Republic organized by the Governments of those States and OAS, held in Santo Domingo in March and Panama City in April;

(c) A meeting organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), held in Belarus in April;

(d) A conference on countering international terrorism organized by the Interparliamentary Assembly of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), held in April;

(e) A workshop organized by the Southern African Development Community (SADC), held in Zambia in May;

(f) A regional meeting organized by the OAS Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, held in Mexico City in June;

(g) Peer review meetings involving Uruguay and Paraguay organized by the Governments of those States and OAS, held in Montevideo in August and Asunción in September;

(h) A training course organized by CARICOM for points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004), held in Barbados in September;

(i) A subregional workshop organized by the OAS Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, held in Colombia in November;

(j) A national round table organized by the OAS Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, held in Panama in December;

(k) A national workshop organized by the OAS Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, held in Jamaica in December.

28. The Group of Experts continued to work with the following international organizations:

(a) OPCW: the Group of Experts participated in a workshop on the role of legislation for the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (Chemical Weapons Convention) in addressing threats arising from non-State actors, held in Kuala Lumpur in April; a workshop on legislative and regulatory frameworks for chemical security, held in The Hague in July; a regional forum on the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, held in Buenos Aires in September; a regional seminar for Asia on chemical safety and security management, held in Colombo in December; and a global stakeholders forum on legislation, held in The Hague in December. It also held meetings with OPCW officials during their visits to New York, and exchanges on the margins of relevant meetings;

(b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention) Implementation Support Unit: the Group of Experts participated in a meeting of experts on strengthening national implementation, held in Geneva in August, and in a meeting of States parties, held in Geneva in December;

(c) IAEA: the Group of Experts continued its collaboration with IAEA officials in exchanges on the margins of relevant meetings, including during visits by IAEA officials to New York;

(d) International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL): the Group of Experts continued its collaboration during a visit by INTERPOL officials to New York, and in exchanges on the margins of relevant meetings;

(e) OIE: the Group of Experts continued its collaboration with OIE officials in exchanges on the margins of relevant meetings;

(f) WCO: the Group of Experts continued its collaboration during a visit for that purpose by WCO officials to New York, and in exchanges on the margins of relevant meetings;

(g) Financial Action Task Force: the Group of Experts participated in work carried out by a Task Force project team on proliferation finance in Paris and Vienna.

29. The Group of Experts also cooperated with other relevant United Nations bodies:

(a) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC): the Group of Experts participated in a meeting on maritime security and proliferation and terrorist financing, held in Bali, Indonesia, in February; a workshop on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities, held in Luanda in February; a workshop on strategic trade security, held in Bangkok in March; a workshop on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities, held in May (via Skype); and a regional workshop on proliferation finance and terrorist finance, held in Ulaanbaatar in September;

(b) Office for Disarmament Affairs and its regional offices, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific: Committee experts continued to cooperate closely with those bodies, in particular in support of workshops organized by them on resolution 1540 (2004), including a national round table organized by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, held in Solomon Islands in October; a seminar organized by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean on resolution 1540 (2004), held in Belize in November; and a workshop organized by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Peru in November.

30. As required under paragraph 10 (b) of the Committee's programme of work, its working group on cooperation with international organizations, including the Security Council Committee established 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, considered inviting expert speakers from international organizations and other United Nations bodies to its meetings, as appropriate.

31. In accordance with paragraph 10 (c) and (d) of the Committee's programme of work, the Chair wrote to 31 international, regional and subregional organizations in April 2019 to promote dialogue and information exchange regarding the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

32. In accordance with paragraph 10 (e) of its programme of work, the Committee convened an informal meeting on 7 October with international, regional and subregional organizations to share information and experiences related to efforts by such organizations to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). Six organizations made presentations, which provided relevant material for further consideration during the comprehensive review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

33. In accordance with paragraph 10 (f) of its programme of work, the Committee continued to improve the coordination of the planning of specific activities with regional and subregional organizations to develop their active role in supporting the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In that context, the Group of Experts participated in:

(a) A donor coordination meeting organized by OAS, held in Washington, D.C., in May;

(b) Conference calls with OAS, OSCE and CARICOM, as well as teleconferences on resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) organized by the Government of Canada with subregional and regional organizations to discuss activities and plans.

34. The Group of Experts also continued to improve the coordination of the planning of specific activities with international organizations:

(a) The Group of Experts participated in information exchange meetings (donor coordination meetings) organized by the Division of Nuclear Security of IAEA, held in Vienna in May and October;

(b) The Group of Experts held conference calls with IAEA, OPCW, the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and INTERPOL to discuss activities and plans.

35. The Group of Experts circulated a template approved by the Committee in 2018 with relevant individual international, regional and subregional organizations in order to monitor and plan cooperation activities.

36. With regard to the requirement under paragraph 10 (g) of the Committee's programme of work to organize joint country visits with other international, regional and subregional organizations, no invitations were received from States.

37. Under paragraph 10 (h) of its programme of work, the Committee is directed to 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. The Committee met this requirement through the activities listed in paragraphs 31 to 33 above.

38. In accordance with paragraph 10 (i) of its programme of work, the Committee continued to explore opportunities to enhance ongoing cooperation with the related United Nations sanctions committees concerning counter-terrorism:

(a) In his capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and Chair 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, Mr. Djani gave briefings to the Security Council on 20 May, together with the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) concerning counter-terrorism;

(b) The Group of Experts held separate meetings with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team established pursuant to Security Council resolution [1526 \(2004\)](#) in May, and attended a briefing given to the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate by the Monitoring Team in July, in order to share relevant information, discuss common issues and coordinate actions.

39. As an entity since 2005 of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, replaced in 2018 by the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Task Force, the Group of Experts continued to participate in relevant working group meetings.

40. Under paragraph 10 (j) of its programme of work, the Committee is required to continue to expand relationships with specified international non-proliferation mechanisms and related events. With regard to facilitating the sharing of information on effective practices and lessons learned, as required under paragraph 10 (j) (i), the Committee encouraged international, regional and subregional organizations to submit appropriate reports to the Committee; with regard to the identification of assistance requirements and programmes, as required under paragraph 10 (j) (ii), the

Committee organized a meeting with relevant organizations, and the Group of Experts maintained active dialogue with relevant organizations, including as described in paragraph 32 above.

D. Transparency and outreach

41. Transparency and outreach activities make important contributions to fostering greater cooperation and raising awareness among States, parliamentarians, relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and civil society, including industry, regarding the obligations set out in resolution 1540 (2004) and their implementation.

42. In 2019, the Chair, Committee members and experts participated in 59 outreach events (see enclosure). In order to be involved as much as possible in his duties, if the Chair was unable to attend an event, he sent a recorded message. These messages became an important tool under such circumstances and were uploaded to the Committee's website.

43. The Chair of the Committee addressed parliamentarians on two occasions in 2019 through recorded video messages. A representative of the Chair gave a statement, on 15 July, to the Executive Committee of Parliamentarians for Global Action, a non-governmental organization, during a meeting on the global parliamentary campaign to promote the universality and implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004). On 19 September, the Chair gave a statement by video to the regional parliamentary seminar on engaging parliaments of the Pacific region in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee also contributed to meetings organized by Parliamentarians for Global Action, including a regional workshop, held in Banjul in May, and a meeting of the Executive Committee, held in New York in July.

44. With respect to industry, the Committee participated in two events in 2019 that directly engaged industry and provided opportunities to work with and provide information for industry regarding its obligations under national laws:

(a) In May, the Government of Zambia supported by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, in cooperation with the Government of Germany, hosted a Wiesbaden process regional conference for industries in SADC member States;

(b) In November, a Wiesbaden process international conference, hosted by the Government of Germany in coordination with the Committee and supported by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, with financial contributions from the European Union and Germany, was held in Wiesbaden.

45. In 2019, the Committee participated in one event that engaged academia and provided opportunities to work with and provide information to them about national laws and regulations for handling related materials, including technology, software and knowledge transfers. The event was organized by the Government of Germany and was held in Berlin in September.

46. In 2019, the Committee continued to maintain its website as a tool to raise public awareness and serve as a key source of information and resources relating to resolution 1540 (2004) for use by Member States, Committee members, civil society and industry. With support from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the site was updated regularly. The updates included:

(a) A calendar of past outreach events and workshops, as well as confirmed upcoming events, including information notes on such activities;

- (b) A list of frequently asked questions;
- (c) Identification by Member States and international organizations of national points of contact;
- (d) Information on requests for assistance and offers of assistance;
- (e) National reports and voluntary national implementation action plans;
- (f) Statements and presentations by the Chair and Committee members.

47. In 2019, the Committee continued to publish quarterly messages from the Chair, which are available from the website of the Committee, under the section entitled “Transparency and Outreach”.

48. As at 19 December 2019, there were 70,997 visits to the website, an increase of 3 per cent compared with 2018.

49. In 2019, four press releases were issued on Committee events, compared with five in 2018.

E. Administrative matters

50. The Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs continued to provide, in coordination where appropriate, support to the Committee and its Group of Experts.

51. During the reporting period, many of the activities of the Committee were supported by voluntary contributions to the trust fund for global and regional disarmament activities. In 2019, funds were used from grants provided in earlier years by Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, the United States and the European Union.

52. On 7 August, the Committee appointed new members of the Group of Experts, Aleksei Baronin (Russian Federation) and David Theard (France). In December, the Secretariat also started a recruitment process to replace another expert.

III. Comprehensive review

53. In accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution [1977 \(2011\)](#), the Security Council decided that the Committee would 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 would submit to it a report on the conclusions of those reviews.

54. On 18 April, the Committee approved the modalities for the conduct of the comprehensive review,² which must be completed before the renewal of its mandate by 25 April 2021. To that end, on 15 August, the Committee approved a tentative plan of its activities. In terms of the modalities, the comprehensive review to be conducted in 2021 should be both retrospective and forward-looking. It should draw upon data collected on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) since the comprehensive review in 2016, with a view to improving the implementation of the resolution by Member States, by identifying and recommending specific, practical and appropriate actions to that end; to analysing the operation of the Committee in the conduct of its tasks; and to recommending any changes considered necessary. Furthermore, the final report should be based on information at the disposal of the Committee, including

² See www.un.org/en/sc/1540/documents/2021%20CR%20Modalities%20Paper.pdf.

through its approved matrices and relevant information and inputs from Member States and related intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations. The main outcome of the comprehensive review should be the adoption by the Security Council of a resolution, extending and, if necessary, adjusting the mandate of the Committee.

55. Activities in 2019 in preparation for the comprehensive review in 2021 included: the ongoing revision of Committee matrices; the convening of open consultations by the Committee with Member States and international and regional organizations on the specificity of States, held on 4 October; an informal Committee meeting with international and regional organizations on cooperation and coordination, held on 7 October; an informal Committee meeting, at the expert level, on the accounting and securing of related materials in the context of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), also held on 7 October; and the consideration by the Committee of working papers on the specificity of States.

56. Activities planned in 2020 include formal open consultations of the Committee with Member States, international organizations and appropriate sectors of civil society, providing necessary information, proposals and recommendations to be considered in the report on the comprehensive review.

IV. Final considerations

57. With regard to implementation, only 9 of the 193 Member States have yet to submit their initial reports on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). The Committee engaged with all non-reporting States on the issue, including with offers of assistance, in some cases on more than one occasion. The Committee will continue its efforts in that regard in 2020 and continue to encourage States to submit additional information on their implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

58. The training course for points of contact for resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) continues to prove its worth as a useful tool in building the capacity of officials to facilitate the implementation of the resolution. The Committee will continue to support the organization of such training courses in 2020.

59. The Committee will also continue to engage with States that decide to invite the Committee and its Group of Experts to assist them in developing voluntary national implementation action plans, including in cooperation with other international and regional organizations.

60. The Committee continued to recognize the need for a tailored dialogue with and among States on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) to ensure that the assistance given to requesting States corresponds to their national circumstances, priorities and needs. The Committee will continue its direct engagement with States, upon invitation, including through its Group of Experts, to discuss implementation measures. It will use its existing resources to facilitate prompt and effective responses to requests for assistance, where applicable.

61. The Committee will consider organizing meetings with various assistance providers, at their request, to discuss their programmes and priorities, including pending requests for assistance, where appropriate.

62. The Committee will also consider tasking its Group of Experts to organize an outreach event in New York, similar to the points of contact training courses, for points of contact in permanent missions to the United Nations located in New York, in order to provide briefings on resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), to publicize the Committee's work in facilitating the provision of assistance, including its match-making role, to

explain how requests for assistance could be formulated and to present the results of assistance provided and information on future assistance opportunities.

63. With regard to international cooperation, the Committee will continue to develop its collaboration with international organizations, in particular during relevant meetings, workshops or other international events, during visits of representatives to New York and through direct interactions at the headquarters of the most relevant international organizations. To promote a more active role among regional and subregional organizations in supporting the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the Committee will further develop outreach to those organizations and continue to improve the coordination of the planning of specific activities. Similarly, the Committee will continue to enhance its cooperation with the regional centres of the Office for Disarmament Affairs to facilitate the engagement of States in regional contexts.

64. The Committee will seek opportunities to hold meetings with relevant specialized international organizations to improve cooperation in assistance and the exchange of information on technical issues. With regard to regional and subregional organizations, the Committee will continue to develop existing and future activities related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and on related assistance, taking into account regional contexts.

65. The Committee will continue to invite relevant international organizations to dedicated events relating to its activities, such as training sessions for points of contact. It will also organize joint country visits with other international organizations at the invitation of States, where possible and appropriate.

66. The Committee will continue to seek opportunities to coordinate and collaborate with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015), and their experts, within their respective mandates.

67. The Committee's website will continue to be an important element of its awareness-raising activities. The Committee may consider additional strategies to increase traffic to its website.

68. As resources permit, further development, including the enhancement of technology to support the management and use of the Committee's data, including its matrices, will be considered.

69. The Committee will continue to raise awareness among parliamentarians and other high-level decision makers, where appropriate.

70. The Committee will continue to support dialogue between States and industry, where appropriate, on the effective implementation of export controls.

Enclosure

Outreach events held in 2019 attended by the Committee

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Organizer(s)/sponsor(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
Visits to States, at their invitation			
23–25 January	Workshop on strategic trade control enforcement under the framework of resolution 1540 (2004)	Togo, the Committee, the Office for Disarmament Affairs/United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and WCO	Lomé
15–17 April	National workshop on hazardous material transportation security	Chile, the Committee and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Santiago
5 and 6 June	Workshop on the development of the voluntary national action plan	Madagascar, the Committee and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Antananarivo
12 and 13 June	National workshop to support Kuwait in drafting its report	Kuwait, the Committee and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Kuwait City
29 and 30 October	National round table to support Solomon Islands in drafting its initial report	Solomon Islands, the Committee and the Office for Disarmament Affairs/United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific	Honiara
Other country-specific activities			
26–29 March	Peer review between the Dominican Republic and Panama on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Dominican Republic, the Committee and OAS	Santo Domingo
9–12 April	Peer review between the Dominican Republic and Panama on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Panama, the Committee and OAS	Panama City
20 and 21 August	Peer review between Paraguay and Uruguay on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Uruguay, the Committee and OAS	Montevideo
11 and 12 September	Peer review between Paraguay and Uruguay on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Paraguay, the Committee and OAS	Asunción
Other regional activities			
26–28 March	Training course for points of contact for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (English-speaking African countries)	African Union, the Committee and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Addis Ababa
10–17 April	Regional seminar on resolution 1540 (2004)	Belarus, the Committee, OSCE and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Minsk

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3 May	Cooperation meeting on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in Latin America and the Caribbean	OAS	Washington, D.C.
29 and 30 May	Subregional workshop on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Zambia, the Committee, SADC and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Livingstone
31 May	Wiesbaden process regional conference on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Zambia, the Committee, SADC and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Livingstone
25 and 26 June	Regional workshop on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	OAS	Mexico City
10–12 September	Training course for points of contact for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (CARICOM countries)	CARICOM, the Committee and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Bridgetown
21–25 October	Training course for points of contacts for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (Asia-Pacific countries)	China, the Committee and the Office for Disarmament Affairs	Xiamen
14 and 15 November	Workshop on biosafety and biosecurity in the framework of resolution 1540 (2004) and the Biological Weapons Convention	OAS	Bogotá
18 and 19 November	Workshop on control and security measures for related materials in the context of resolution 1540 (2004)	Office for Disarmament Affairs/ United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Lima
21–25 November	Wiesbaden process international conference	Germany	Wiesbaden
2 and 3 December	National workshop on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	OAS	Panama City
Other outreach activities			
16 January	Meeting of the Financial Action Task Force project team on proliferation financing	Financial Action Task Force	Paris
30 January	First Annual Disarmament and International Security Affairs Fellowship Programme for foreign diplomats	India	New Delhi (presentation via Skype)

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5–8 February	Cross-regional workshop on the international counter-terrorism legal framework against financing of the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by non-State actors, and related IMO legal instruments	UNODC and IMO	Bali, Indonesia
12 and 13 February	National workshop on the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its amendment of 2005	Angola, UNODC	Luanda
25–27 February	Meeting of proliferation financing experts	UNODC	New York
26–28 February	Twenty-sixth Asian Export Control Seminar	Japan, Centre for Information on Security and Trade Control	Tokyo
18–21 March	Securing the containerized supply chain from strategic trade threats	UNODC	Bangkok
20 and 21 March	National workshop for Libya on the international legal framework against nuclear terrorism	UNODC	Rabat
26–29 March	Reviewing and drafting laws and regulations to prevent chemical terrorism and on the prevention of the dual use of chemical materials in improvised explosive devices	UNODC	Vienna
4 and 5 April	Seventeenth nuclear security information exchange meeting	IAEA	Vienna
9–11 April	Workshop on the role of implementing legislation on the Chemical Weapons Convention in addressing threats arising from non-State actors	OPCW	Kuala Lumpur
18 April	Conference on countering international terrorism	Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the States members of CIS	Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation
29 and 30 April	Parliamentarians for Global Action regional parliamentary workshop for Africa, to promote the universality and implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Trinidad and Tobago and Parliamentarians for Global Action	Port of Spain

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10 May	Meeting of the Financial Action Task Force project team on proliferation financing	Financial Action Task Force	Vienna
16 and 17 May	Parliamentarians for Global Action workshop on promoting the role of women parliamentarians in Africa in preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	Parliamentarians for Global Action and National Assembly of the Gambia	Banjul
27 May	Promoting the universalization and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism	UNODC	Vienna
18–20 June	Workshop for Spanish-speaking countries on the universalization of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities and its amendment of 2005	UNODC	Panama City
28 June	Meeting of CIS parliamentarians	Parliamentary Union of Belarus and the Russian Federation	Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation
15 July	Global parliamentary campaign to promote the universality and implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Parliamentarians for Global Action	New York
24 and 25 July	Technical workshop on sharing best practices in the development of a legislative and regulatory framework on chemical security	OPCW	The Hague
29 July–8 August	Biological Weapons Convention meetings of experts	States parties to the Biological Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit	Geneva
9 September	Conference on export controls in dialogue with science and research	Germany	Berlin
17–19 September	Subregional stakeholders forum on advancing the national implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and cooperation in Latin America	Argentina	Buenos Aires

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17–19 September	Workshop on countering the financing of terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	UNODC	Ulaanbaatar
18–20 September	Conference on resolution 1540 (2004) for parliamentarians in the Pacific Islands	New Zealand House of Representatives, IPU	Wellington
21 September	Universalization workshop on the Biological Weapons Convention for the Pacific	New Zealand House of Representatives, the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit and the European Union	Wellington
17 and 18 October	Eighteenth nuclear security information exchange meeting	IAEA	Vienna
22–24 October	Conference on combating proliferation finance	Chile and the United States	Santiago
6 and 7 November	Seminar for Caribbean States on focus lists, licensing protocols and risk assessment	Governments of Belize and Canada, Office for Disarmament Affairs/United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Belize City
25–29 November	Regional workshop to coordinate the implementation of integrated nuclear security support plans	IAEA	Dakar
27 and 28 November	Seventh meeting of the heads of the regional secretariats of the European Union Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence	European Union	Brussels
2 and 3 December	Promoting and strengthening women in nuclear in Africa	Ibn Tofail University, IAEA	Kenitra, Morocco
2 and 3 December	Panama national workshop	OAS	Panama City
3 and 4 December	Global stakeholders forum on legislation for the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention	OPCW	The Hague
3–5 December	Seminar on the Chemical Weapons Convention and chemical safety and security management for OPCW member States in the Asia region	OPCW	Colombo
5 and 6 December	Meeting of the States parties to the Biological Weapons Convention	Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit	Geneva

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10 and 11 December	National workshop on proliferation financing	OAS	Kingston
13 December	Workshop on biosecurity and biosafety measures in the context of resolution 1540 (2004)	Government of the Dominican Republic and Office for Disarmament Affairs/United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Santo Domingo

Abbreviations: IAEA, International Atomic Energy Agency; IPU, Inter-Parliamentary Union, OAS, Organization of American States; OPCW, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons; OSCE, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; UNODC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; WCO: World Customs Organization.