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### **Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2572 (2021), in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”. The resolution was adopted on 22 April 2021 in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the related documents:

My letter dated 21 April 2021 addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/388 (enclosure to annex I);

Letters in reply received from the members of the Security Council indicating their national positions on the draft resolution (annexes II to XVI);

A statement subsequently submitted by a member of the Security Council providing an explanation of its vote (annex XVII).

The present letter and its annexes will be issued as an official document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Dang Dinh Quy  
President of the Security Council



## Annex I

### **Letter dated 21 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council**

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, as set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following.

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by Mexico, in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2021/388 and enclosed herein, has been put into blue.

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for this draft resolution will begin at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 April 2021. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 22 April 2021.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstain) on the draft resolution, as well as your possible explanation of vote, by sending the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Secretariat (egian@un.org) a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above.

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the vote within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the vote shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Thursday, 22 April 2021.

*(Signed)* **Dang Dinh Quy**  
President of the Security Council

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**Enclosure**

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**Mexico: draft resolution***The Security Council,*

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 1540 (2004) of 28 April 2004, 1673 (2006) of 27 April 2006, 1810 (2008) of 25 April 2008, 1977 (2011) of 20 April 2011, 2055 (2012) of 29 June 2012, and 2325 (2016) of 15 December 2016,

*Endorsing* the work already carried out by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), hereafter the 1540 Committee, in accordance with its programmes of work, *and reaffirming* its continued support,

*Noting* that due to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the comprehensive review on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) was postponed,

*Acting* under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to extend until 28 February 2022 the mandate of the 1540 Committee with the continued assistance of its group of experts, as specified in paragraph 5 of resolution 1977 (2011), and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures to this effect;

2. *Further decides* that the 1540 Committee, while continuing its current work pursuant to its mandate, shall continue to conduct and complete the comprehensive review on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and submit to the Security Council a report on the conclusion of the review;

3. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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## Annex II

### **Letter dated 21 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I thank you and your team for the continued strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2021/388) submitted by Mexico for the mandate renewal of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

*(Signed)* **Zhang Jun**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China  
to the United Nations

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**Annex III****Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to inform you, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of the Security Council draft resolution contained in document S/2021/388, in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

*(Signed)* **Sven Jürgenson**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

**Annex IV**

**Letter dated 22 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 21 April 2021 calling on the members of the Security Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by Mexico in connection with agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”, put into blue under the symbol S/2021/388. France votes in favour.

*(Signed)* **Nicolas de Rivière**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

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**Annex V****Letter dated 21 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21 April 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/388 in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place for the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253) by the President of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that India votes in favour of the draft resolution.

*(Signed)* T. S. **Tirumurti**  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

## Annex VI

### **Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21 April 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction” (S/2021/388).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council for the duration of the restrictions of movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that Ireland votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/388.

*(Signed)* Geraldine **Byrne Nason**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

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**Annex VII****Letter dated 21 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/388) submitted by Mexico in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

In this respect, I wish to inform that Kenya votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

*(Signed)* **Martin Kimani**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

## **Annex VIII**

### **Letter dated 21 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the letter dated 21 April 2021 regarding the draft resolution in connection with agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”, submitted by Mexico and contained in document S/2021/388.

In accordance with the procedure outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253) for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that Mexico votes in favour of the aforementioned draft resolution.

*(Signed)* **Juan Ramón de la Fuente Ramírez**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

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**Annex IX****Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in response to the letter dated 21 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council, calling on the members of the Council to indicate their votes on the draft resolution (S/2021/388) submitted by Mexico under the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of draft resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of the aforementioned draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Niandou **Aougi**  
Minister Counsellor  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations

**Annex X**

**Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the letter dated 21 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council relating to the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/388 in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of draft resolutions under the current circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to inform you that Norway votes in favour of the draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Mona **Juul**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

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**Annex XI****Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 April 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction” (S/2021/388).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place for the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in a letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/388.

*(Signed)* Vassily **Nebenzia**  
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

## **Annex XII**

### **Letter dated 21 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/388) submitted by Mexico in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

In this respect, I wish to inform that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Inga Rhonda **King**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
to the United Nations

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**Annex XIII****Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to the letter dated 21 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by Mexico in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction” for the extension of the mandate of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as contained in document S/2021/388, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of the draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Tarek **Ladeb**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

**Annex XIV**

**Letter dated 21 April 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter from the President of the Security Council of 21 April 2021, the United Kingdom votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/388, in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”.

*(Signed)* Jonathan **Allen**  
Ambassador

Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland to the United Nations

**Annex XV**

**Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On the draft resolution submitted by Mexico in connection with the agenda item “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction” (S/2021/388), the United States of America votes in favour.

*(Signed)* Linda **Thomas-Greenfield**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the United States of America  
to the United Nations

**Annex XVI**

**Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In reference to the letter dated 21 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction” as contained in document S/2021/388, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of the said draft resolution.

*(Signed)* **Dang Dinh Quy**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations

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**Annex XVII****Statement by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations**

[Original: Russian]

The Russian Federation attaches great importance to resolution 1540 (2004) as one of the global instruments in the field of non-proliferation. We are interested in all the provisions of the resolution being implemented fully and consistently by all States. That goal can be achieved only by closely interacting with each other in a spirit of cooperation, without imposing national priorities and values. The Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), where mutual understanding and respect for other opinions have always prevailed, has an important role to play in that effort.

We were somewhat surprised that the decision on the purely technical issue of the extension of the 1540 Committee's mandate took several months. Despite the fact that there was more than enough time to prepare resolution 2572 (2021), the preparation of the draft text was carried out under strict time pressure.

We regret to note that not all the concerns expressed by the Russian delegation during the work on the draft resolution were taken into account. In particular, the Security Council's endorsement of the Committee's work carried out in the context of the comprehensive review of resolution 1540 (2004), included in the preambular part of the resolution, is considered premature. We see that as a kind of advance tribute to the subsidiary body, which it still has to work on.

We hope that the compromise reached will finally allow the Committee to focus on fulfilling its main task for now — to conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) within the established time frame and to develop, based on its results, a new long-term mandate for this subsidiary body of the Security Council.

We are convinced that the Chairperson of the Committee has a key role to play in ensuring the success of the review process. We call on the Mexican chairmanship to organize its work as effectively as possible under the sanitary and epidemiological constraints.