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**Letter dated 29 December 2023 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 \(2004\)](#), I have the honour to refer to paragraph 9 of Security Council resolution [1977 \(2011\)](#) and to transmit herewith the 2023 review of the implementation of Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

I would appreciate it if the present letter and the review could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) José Javier **De La Gasca**

Chair

Security Council Committee established pursuant to  
resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)



## 2023 review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

### I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 1540 (2004), the Security Council expressed its intention to monitor closely the implementation of that 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 that resolution, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) was mandated to review the implementation by States of resolution 1540 (2004) before the end of December of 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 continual submission of the annual review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). Finally, in paragraph 4 of its most recent resolution, 2663 (2022), adopted unanimously on 30 November 2022, the Council welcomed the continuous submission of the annual review on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), prepared with the assistance of the group of experts, within December annually.

2. The present review focuses on the work conducted by the Committee during the period from 1 January to 29 December 2023.

### II. Progress and outcomes

3. In 2023, subsequent to the renewal of the mandate of the Committee for 10 years, until 30 November 2032, under Security Council resolution 2663 (2022), the Committee, chaired by Hernán Pérez Loose (Ecuador) from 31 January to 28 November, Andrés Montalvo (Ecuador) from 29 November to 14 December and José De La Gasca (Ecuador) from 15 December to 31 December, continued to facilitate and monitor the implementation by States of resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee held seven formal sessions and one informal session over the course of 2023.

4. As requested by the Security Council in its resolution 2663 (2022), the Committee has undertaken diverse activities under the twentieth programme of work, adopted on 16 February 2023 (S/2023/117).

5. Based on a cooperative approach and dialogue with Member States, which continue to be cornerstones of the activities of the Committee, in May 2023 the Committee transmitted correspondence to Member States to inform them about the most recent Security Council resolution, 2663 (2022), to emphasize the importance for all States to implement fully resolution 1540 (2004), to encourage Member States to submit up-to-date information on national points of contact and to reaffirm that the Committee remains ready to provide assistance. Pursuant to that correspondence, 43 Member States provided the Committee with updated information on national points of contact in 2023.

#### A. Monitoring and national implementation

6. The Security Council, in paragraph 12 of its resolution 2663 (2022) 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, with the assistance of its group of experts, acting on the instructions of the Committee and within its mandate, continued the compilation and general examination of 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 2663 (2022), 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. In its resolution 2663 (2022) the Security Council called upon all States that had not yet done so to submit a first report on measures to implement resolution 1540 (2004) to the Committee without delay. No first reports were submitted during 2023. As of 29 December 2023, 185 out of the 193 Member States had submitted first reports, while 8 States had yet to do so.

8. In its resolution 2663 (2022), 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 that resolution. During the reporting period, India, Türkiye and Uruguay submitted additional information to the Committee. As of 29 December 2023, a total of 537 first and additional national reports had been submitted by Member States on steps taken to implement resolution 1540 (2004).

9. In its resolution 2663 (2022), the Security Council 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). During the reporting period, Madagascar submitted such a plan to the Committee, bringing the total number of plans to 47. The number of States that have submitted plans to the Committee since 2007 stands at 38.

10. The Security Council, in its resolution 2663 (2022), encouraged the Committee to continue to actively engage in dialogue with Member States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits to States at their invitation. During 2023, the Committee received 11 invitations. The Committee undertook visits to Cambodia, Cameroon, Nigeria and Thailand, at their invitation, to work on their voluntary national implementation action plans. The Committee also participated in a regional workshop in Kenya on strengthening the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region. These workshops involved a wide range of governmental representatives responsible for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

11. States are encouraged to inform the Committee of their points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004), both in their capital and in their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York. In 2023, 43 States named or provided updates regarding their points of contact, including Albania, Andorra, Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, Finland, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iraq, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Türkiye, Viet Nam and Yemen. As of 29 December 2023, a total of 146 Member States had informed the Committee of their points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004).

12. In its resolution 2325 (2016), Security Council urged the Committee to continue to undertake initiatives to strengthen the capacity of national points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004) to assist in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004),

upon the request of States, including through the continuation of training courses conducted at the regional level for points of contact. Since 2015, nine regional points of contact training courses have been conducted; however, no training courses were organized in 2023.

13. The Security Council, in its resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#) encouraged Member States to voluntarily share their experiences, lessons learned and best practices regarding implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). The Committee recognizes the need to promote the sharing of experience, including through voluntary peer reviews and other means of evaluating and reinforcing effective practices and lessons learned. During 2023, a peer review involving Brazil, Chile and Mexico and two peer reviews involving Ecuador and Paraguay were held. To date, 10 peer reviews have been recorded by the Committee.

14. The Security Council, in its resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), encouraged the Committee to develop and review, as appropriate, voluntary technical reference guides, including through implementation guidelines or other such appropriate documents, prepared with the assistance of its group of experts, which Member States could take into consideration in their implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). In 2023 the Committee discussed format and topics for a voluntary technical reference guides and its group of experts prepared a background document on this subject.

## **B. Assistance**

15. In 2023, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan and Madagascar submitted requests for assistance requiring matchmaking with potential assistance providers, compared with one request received in 2022, from Cameroon, and circulated in the Committee in 2023.

16. The Security Council, in its resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#) directed the Committee to periodically review, as appropriate, the role, efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee's mechanism for matching offers and requests for assistance, as well as the status of assistance-related matters. The Committee has started to review the current assistance mechanism dating from 2018. With a view to conducting the periodic review of pending assistance requests, three reports on their status have been produced. The last report takes stock of 29 pending assistance requests by 24 Member States. In addition, the Committee sent correspondence to requesting States, if appropriate, for the purpose of obtaining an update on pending assistance requests. Mexico and Zambia responded by updating their assistance requests accordingly.

17. In carrying out its clearing-house function in a transparent manner, the Committee continued to list on its website requests for assistance from Member States, as well as offers of assistance from Member States, international, regional and subregional organisations or other arrangements. As of 29 December 2023, a total of 25 requests for assistance from 20 Member States are published on the Committee's website.

18. Cambodia, Cameroon, Ecuador, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Thailand submitted requests to the Committee for technical and/or financial support for a national workshop aiming towards supporting the drafting of a voluntary national action plan on the implementation of Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). The Committee, with the assistance of its group of experts, addressed the requests from Cambodia, Cameroon and Thailand through participation in dedicated national workshops. Nevertheless, the Committee was unable to participate in the dedicated national workshop in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. In addition, the Committee, with the assistance of its group of experts, has maintained informal

contact with Costa Rica regarding a similar request, submitted in 2022, which has not yet been addressed.

19. Sao Tome and Principe submitted a request to the Committee for support in the preparation of a national report on implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee, with the assistance of its group of experts, has maintained informal contact with Sao Tome and Principe.

20. A peer review exercise for Brazil, Chile and Mexico, in the framework of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), was attended by the Chair of the Committee.

21. The Organization of American States (OAS) has submitted an offer of assistance in the form of resources and expertise to support the requests of Latin American and Caribbean member States for assistance, when pertinent to implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004). Germany has submitted an update of its offer of assistance in the form of expertise and financial support to member States regarding implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

22. As mandated in paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 1977 (2011), the group of experts continued its consultations with officials from Member States during outreach activities and discussions with States on the implementation of obligations under Council resolution 1540 (2004) and regularly provided information about and illustrated methods of assistance that could help States strengthen their legislative and regulatory frameworks related to resolution 1540 (2004). The group of experts explained the clearing-house role of the Committee, which is designed to facilitate providers' provision of assistance to States requesting assistance and promoted, where appropriate, the voluntary use of the Committee's assistance template by States when drafting assistance requests.

### **C. Cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations**

23. The Committee is encouraged, under Security Council resolutions 1810 (2008) and 1977 (2011), to engage actively with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations in promoting the sharing of experience and lessons learned in the areas covered by Council resolution 1540 (2004). The Council, in paragraph 22 of resolution 2325 (2016), encouraged the Committee to develop, in collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations, assistance projects to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004). In paragraph 23 of its resolution 2663 (2022), the Council continued to call upon relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to designate, provide and update, as appropriate, to the Committee with a point of contact or coordinator for resolution 1540 (2004); and encouraged them to enhance cooperation and information-sharing with the Committee and Member States on technical assistance and all other issues of relevance for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). Acting under the resolutions, the Committee continued to enhance its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies.

24. With regard to international organizations, the Committee, with the assistance of its group of experts, engaged in activities organized by the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), the Office of Counter-Terrorism/United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

25. Regarding regional and subregional organizations, the Committee, with the assistance of its group of experts, engaged in activities organized by IGAD, OAS, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

26. The Committee, with the assistance of its group of experts, engaged in an activity organized by the Missile Technology Control Regime.

27. The Committee continued its efforts to improve coordination and planning of specific activities through discussions and, as appropriate, the development of collaborative projects with relevant international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, including:

(a) Informal virtual and in-person exchanges with the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, OPCW and UNODC, as well as the World Organization for Animal Health;

(b) Bilateral meetings held by the Chair of the Committee during 2023 with the Director General of IAEA, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism of OAS, the Executive Director of UNODC and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. On the margins of the Chemical Weapons Convention Fifth Review Conference, the Chair met the Director General of OPCW and held bilateral meetings with representatives of the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), OPCW, OSCE, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), UNODC and the World Health Organization (WHO).

28. In accordance with paragraph 22 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), the Committee continued to enhance ongoing cooperation among the Committee, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning (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, including through, as appropriate, enhanced information-sharing, coordination on visits to States, within their respective mandates, technical assistance and other issues of relevance to all three committees.

29. The Chair of the Committee briefed the Security Council on 15 November, together with the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#), concerning counter-terrorism and the Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Da'esh, Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities.

30. The group of experts attended briefings to the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate by the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team in order to share relevant information and discuss common issues.

31. INTERPOL, OAS, OPCW and the World Organization for Animal Health updated their point of contact in 2023.

## **D. Transparency and outreach**

32. 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 Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and their implementation.

33. In 2023, the Committee, with the assistance of its group of experts, acting under its direction and purview and within its mandate, participated in 33 outreach events (see annex).

34. The Committee, represented by its Chair personally, participated in the following events in 2023:

(a) Workshop on strengthening the implementation of Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) in the IGAD region, in Nairobi on 14 and 15 March;

(b) Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, in The Hague from 15 to 19 May;

(c) Peer review exercise for Brazil, Chile and Mexico in the framework of Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), in Mexico City on 28 and 29 September.

35. In order to remain involved as much as possible in the fulfilment of his duties, the Chair of the Committee, if unable to attend an appropriate event, transmits a recorded statement. In 2023, the Chair addressed participants by video message during the following events:

(a) Workshop on the national implementation action plan for Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) of Cameroon, 12–14 September;

(b) Conference for Latin American States on enhancing export control capacities of countries for implementation of Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), in Chile on 3 and 4 October;

(c) Regional industry outreach conference (Wiesbaden Process) for Latin American States, in Chile on 5 and 6 October;

(d) Workshop on the national implementation action plan for Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) of Thailand, 10–12 October;

(e) Peer review for Ecuador and Paraguay, 29 and 30 November;

(f) Workshop on the national implementation action plan for Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, 28–30 November;

(g) Peer review for Ecuador and Paraguay, 12 and 13 December.

36. A statement by the Chair was delivered by an expert to a webinar devoted to launching of the policy brief entitled “Resolution 1540 and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)” on 18 July; and to a workshop on the 1540 national implementation action plan for Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) in Nigeria from 16 to 18 October.

37. The Security Council, in its resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), encouraged the Committee to develop, in agreement with the relevant Member States and with the assistance of its group of experts, a multi-year programme of outreach to States. In 2023, a background paper on this topic was prepared by the group of experts and the Committee has started appropriate discussions.

38. The Security Council, in its resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), directed the Committee to convene regular open briefings, at least once a year or as needed, for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations.

39. In 2023, the Committee continued to maintain its website as a tool for raising public awareness and serving as a key source of information and resources relating to Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) for use by Member States, members of the

Committee, civil society and industry. With support from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the site was updated regularly. Those updates included:

- (a) A calendar of past outreach events and workshops, as well as confirmed upcoming events, including information notes on such activities;
- (b) Identification by Member States and international and regional organizations of points of contact;
- (c) Assistance requests and offers;
- (d) National reports and voluntary national implementation action plans;
- (e) Experiences shared, lessons learned and effective practices;
- (f) Statements and presentations by the Chair and Committee members;
- (g) Text parts based on the most recent resolution Security Council resolution, [2663 \(2022\)](#).

## **E. Administrative matters**

40. The Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, as well as the group of experts continued to provide support to the Committee.

41. In 2023, several of the activities of the Committee were supported by voluntary contributions to the United Nations trust fund for global and regional disarmament activities. During the reporting period, funds were used from grants provided by the European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Spain and the United States of America.

42. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), the Committee has concluded a review of its internal guidelines on matters regarding its group of experts.

43. During the reporting period, five members of the Committee's group of experts left the group: Jonathan Brewer, Michiel Combrink, Kiwako Tanaka, Edith Valles and Hongliu Zhang. Since 1 July 2023, the group of experts has consisted of only three experts. Since July, the Committee has continued its discussions and deliberations on the selection of new experts.

## **III. Final considerations**

44. With regard to national implementation, the Committee will continue to engage with the eight States that have yet to submit a first report and encourage reporting States to submit additional information on their implementation of Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

45. As training for points of contact for Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) remains a useful tool in building capacity of officials to facilitate the implementation of the resolution, the Committee will support the organization of such training courses in 2024, as appropriate.

46. The Committee will continue to engage with States, upon request, to assist them in developing voluntary national implementation action plans, including in cooperation with relevant assistance providers, as appropriate.

47. The Committee continues to recognize the need for a tailored dialogue with and among States on the implementation of Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). The

Committee will encourage the exchange of information on effective practices, including through peer reviews, and continue its direct engagement with States, upon invitation, to discuss implementation measures, and optimize the use of the resources at its disposal to facilitate prompt and effective responses to assistance requests.

48. The Committee will continue to periodically review, as appropriate, the role, efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee's mechanism for matching assistance requests and offers, as well as the status of assistance-related matters. The Committee will consider the procedure for conducting the periodic review of pending assistance requests in order to determine adjustments.

49. With regard to international cooperation, the Committee will continue to develop collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations during relevant meetings, workshops or other international events, during visits of representatives to New York and through direct interactions at Headquarters. To promote a more active role among regional and subregional organizations in supporting the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), the Committee will further develop outreach to those organisations and continue to improve the coordination of planning of specific activities.

50. The Committee will seek opportunities to hold meetings with relevant specialized international organizations to improve cooperation in the area of assistance and the exchange of information on technical issues. Regarding regional and subregional organizations, the Committee will continue to develop existing and future activities related to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and on related assistance, considering regional contexts.

51. The Committee will continue to coordinate and collaborate with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001), concerning counter-terrorism and the Security Council Committee created pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning Da'esh, Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, and their experts, within their respective mandates.

52. The Committee will continue to improve the value of its website as an important element of its awareness-raising activities and as a valuable resource for points of contact for Security Council resolution 1540 (2004).

53. The Committee will continue to organize and participate in outreach events on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) at the international, regional and subregional levels and, as appropriate, the national level, including, as appropriate, inviting parliamentarians, as well as representatives of civil society, including industry and academia.

54. The Committee will continue to develop, in agreement with the relevant Member States and with the assistance of its group of experts, a multi-year programme of outreach to States.

55. The Committee will continue to support dialogue between States and industry, where appropriate, on the effective implementation of relevant requirements of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004).

## Annex

## Outreach events held in 2023 and attended by the Committee

|     | <i>Date</i>        | <i>Description</i>   | <i>Organizer(s)/sponsor(s)</i>  | <i>Location</i>          |
|-----|--------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1.  | 17 and 18 January  | African regional webinar on facilitating adherence to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its Amendment  | African Centre for Science and International Security (AFRICISIS)/United Kingdom                        | Virtual meeting          |
| 2.  | 8 and 9 February   | Wiesbaden conference on “Industry engagement in export controls: recommendations for effective approaches to implementing UNSCR 1540 (2004)”                                     | Germany (Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA)), Office for Disarmament Affairs | Wiesbaden, Germany       |
| 3.  | 14–16 February     | The twenty-ninth Asian Export Control Seminar  | Japan (Center for Information on Security Trade Control (CISTEC))                                       | Tokyo                    |
| 4.  | 16 and 17 February | African regional high-level meeting on facilitating adherence to the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material                                  | African Centre for Science and International Security (AFRICISIS)/United Kingdom                        | Accra                    |
| 5.  | 1–3 March          | First Programme Committee meeting for the 2024 International Conference on Nuclear Security  | International Atomic Energy Agency  | Vienna                   |
| 6.  | 7 and 8 March      | Regional Meeting for Stakeholders involved in supporting implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004) in Asia   | Japan, United States of America, Office for Disarmament Affairs   | Tokyo                    |
| 7.  | 8 March            | Conference of Partnership Programmes on Strategic Trade Controls of Dual-Use Goods in South-East Asia  | European Union, United States of America, Japan, Office for Disarmament Affairs                         | Tokyo                    |
| 8.  | 14 and 15 March    | Workshop on strengthening the implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004) in the IGAD region   | Kenya, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Intergovernmental Authority on Development                       | Nairobi                  |
| 9.  | 14–16 March        | Regional expert-level meeting on “Proliferation financing risks in South-East Asia: supporting States in the region identifying and addressing traditional and emerging threats” | United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute                                       | Turin, Italy             |
| 10. | 28–31 March        | Regional workshop to promote the universalization of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material  | International Atomic Energy Agency  | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe |
| 11. | 17 and 18 April    | Twenty-fourth Nuclear Security Information Exchange Meeting  | International Atomic Energy Agency  | Vienna                   |

| <i>Date</i>        | <i>Description</i>   | <i>Organizer(s)/sponsor(s)</i>   | <i>Location</i>       |
|--------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 12. 25–27 April    | National introductory workshop on development by Cambodia of a voluntary Security Council resolution <a href="#">1540 (2004)</a> national implementation action plan                       | Cambodia, Office for Disarmament Affairs   | Phnom Penh            |
| 13. 8–10 May       | Pacific region workshop on promoting the universalization and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism                    | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime   | Virtually, Nadi, Fiji |
| 14. 9–12 May       | Regional workshop to promote the universalization of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material  | International Atomic Energy Agency   | Santo Domingo         |
| 15. 15–19 May      | Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention   | Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons   | The Hague             |
| 16. 5 and 6 June   | Central Asia Training Workshop on Countering Terrorism: Specific focus – Preventing Bioterrorism Attacks Involving Biological Agents and Toxins  | Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Office of Counter-Terrorism (United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre) | Virtually, Ashgabat   |
| 17. 8 and 9 June   | Regional Export Control Conference for Southern African Partners   | Germany (Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control)   | Livingstone, Zambia   |
| 18. 13–15 June     | Workshop on universalization and effective implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention in Northern Africa  | Morocco, Office for Disarmament Affairs  | Rabat                 |
| 19. 14 and 15 June | Ninth international meeting of focal points of the European Union Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence Initiative                          | European Union, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute  | Brussels              |
| 20. 16 June        | Missile Technology Control Regime technical outreach meeting   | Missile Technology Control Regime, Norway  | Oslo                  |
| 21. 21 and 22 June | Workshop on promoting the universalization and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism for the South-East Asia Region    | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, European Union   | Virtually Bangkok     |
| 22. 18 July        | Webinar to launch a policy brief entitled “Resolution 1540 and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): policy options to strengthen non-proliferation controls and secure trade” | Office for Disarmament Affairs, South African Institute of International Affairs   | Virtual meeting       |

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|-------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 23. 25–27 July          | Twenty-First Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Africa   | Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons  | Harare                                |
| 24. 7–18 August         | Meeting of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the Biological Weapons Convention  | Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit   | Geneva, Switzerland                   |
| 25. 21–25 August        | Regional Workshop to Coordinate the Implementation of Integrated Nuclear Security Support Plans                                   | International Atomic Energy Agency  | Lomé                                  |
| 26. 12–14 September     | National workshop on the implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004) in Cameroon  | Cameroon, Office for Disarmament Affairs  | Yaoundé                               |
| 27. 28 and 29 September | Peer review exercise for Brazil, Chile and Mexico in the framework of UNSCR 1540 (2004)   | Organization of American States/Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism  | Mexico City                           |
| 28. 3 and 4 October     | Regional Export Control Assistance Kick-off Conference for Latin American States  | Germany (Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control)  | Santiago                              |
| 29. 4–6 October         | National workshop on the Biological Weapons Convention for Cambodia   | Office for Disarmament Affairs (Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit)                        | Phnom Penh                            |
| 30. 5 and 6 October     | UNSCR 1540 (2004) Regional Industry Outreach Conference (Wiesbaden Process) for Latin American States                             | Germany, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean | Santiago                              |
| 31. 10–12 October       | National introductory workshop on the development of a voluntary national action plan for the implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004) | Thailand, Office for Disarmament Affairs  | Bangkok                               |
| 32. 16–18 October       | Nigeria national consultative meeting on strengthening the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)                               | Nigeria/Office for Disarmament Affairs  | Abuja                                 |
| 33. 21 December         | 384th meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC)  | Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001)   | United Nations Headquarters, New York |