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**Letter dated 16 February 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) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2663 (2022), I have the honour to transmit herewith the twentieth programme of work of the Committee and a timetable of the regular meetings of the Committee, for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024 (see annexes I and II).

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

(Signed) Hernán Pérez Loose  
Chair  
Security Council Committee established  
pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)



## Annex I

### **Programme of work of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. The Security Council, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 2663 (2022), decided that the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) would submit its programme of work to the Council before the end of January each year. The Chair of the Committee wrote to the President of the Council on 31 January 2023 (see S/2023/75) to indicate that discussions were ongoing and that the Committee would submit its programme of work by 20 February 2023.
2. The twentieth programme of work of the Committee covers the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024. The Committee has agreed on this programme of work to fulfil its responsibilities under resolutions 1540 (2004), 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011), 2325 (2016), 2572 (2021), 2622 (2022) and 2663 (2022).
3. The Committee will intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004) through its programme of work, which includes the compilation and general examination of information on the status of States' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and addresses all aspects of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of that resolution.
4. In implementing its programme of work, the Committee will continue to work with States and will be guided in its approach by the principles of transparency, equal treatment, cooperation and consistency.

#### **II. Regular activities of the Committee**

##### **Implementation**

5. The Committee will offer its expertise to the remaining States which have not yet presented a first report on steps they have taken or intend to take to implement resolution 1540 (2004), as appropriate, to facilitate the submission of such reports by written correspondence to each non-reporting State in the first quarter of 2023.
6. The Committee will write to Member States to bring their attention to resolution 2663 (2022), including its provisions on national reporting, voluntary national implementation plans, assistance, voluntary financial support and maintaining up-to-date points of contact, and to indicate the Committee's availability to engage in active and tailored dialogue on implementation.
7. The Committee will facilitate the voluntary sharing by Member States of experiences, lessons learned and best practices in relation to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by making contributions available on its website, with State consent, and by encouraging Member States to share their experiences at outreach events. The Committee will invite Member States to share experiences, lessons learned and best practices for implementing resolution 1540 (2004) by written correspondence to each State in the third quarter of 2023.
8. The Committee will meet in the first quarter of 2023 to identify the aspects of resolution 1540 (2004) on which it will focus under the current programme of work, with a view to strengthening State implementation of all aspects of resolution 1540 (2004), particularly 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, in accordance with paragraph 12 of resolution 2663 (2022). Where appropriate, the Committee will prepare discussion papers to facilitate the meetings to be held in the first quarter of 2023. It will convene and participate in outreach events with Member States, international organizations and, where appropriate, civil society, to focus on issues related to implementation.

9. The Committee will meet to review existing initiatives to strengthen, upon the request of States, the capacity of their points of contact to assist in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), and will also meet to discuss recommendations that it might make to Member States with respect to the capacity of their points of contact.

10. The Committee will meet in the first quarter of 2023 to consider the format, scope and topics of voluntary technical guides, including implementation guidelines or other appropriate documents, which Member States could take into consideration in their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee will consider draft voluntary technical guides by the end of the third quarter of 2023.

11. In its work, the Committee will take note, as appropriate, of the continually evolving nature of the risks of proliferation, including as a result of rapid advances in science and technology, in the context of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

#### **Assistance**

12. In accordance with paragraph 17 of resolution 2663 (2022), the Committee will trial periodically reviewing pending assistance requests as set out in S/AC.44/2022/NOTE.130/Add.2. The Committee's group of experts will produce three reports on the status of pending assistance requests in 2023, and will submit the first such report to the Chair no later than 30 April 2023. Following the submission of each report, the Committee will meet to consider follow-up actions related to each request. The Committee will encourage States to provide feedback on the assistance process, with a view to improving its work.

13. The Committee will facilitate technical assistance to support the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), in particular by using its expertise to assist Member States with the preparation of voluntary requests for assistance and to follow up on assistance requests, and by matching offers and requests for assistance. The Committee will promote the use of the assistance template for this purpose and will provide its expertise to States requesting assistance, including through dedicated workshops, if requested. The Committee will review current assistance letter templates by the end of the second quarter of 2023.

14. The Committee will take steps to update its list of assistance providers and their offers by writing to potential new providers, and by writing to existing providers to encourage them to update their offers. It will update its website in order to make available to Member States information on assistance and capacity-building programmes which might facilitate their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

15. The Committee will promote the facilitation of technical assistance to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, by organizing, participating in or supporting assistance conferences, in collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations.

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

16. The Committee will continue, and further enhance, its cooperation with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and

[2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) concerning counter-terrorism, and the Chairs of the three Committees will jointly brief the Council on their cooperation. The cooperation will include, as appropriate, enhanced information sharing; coordination on visits to States, in accordance with the Committee's mandate; and technical assistance.

17. The Committee will convene regular meetings with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to strengthen cooperation and encourage such organizations to share information and experiences related to their efforts to facilitate the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

### **Transparency and outreach**

18. The Committee will meet to discuss the development of a multi-year programme of outreach to Member States, in agreement with relevant Member States.

19. The Committee will continue to update its points of contact database for States and international, regional and subregional organizations.

20. The Committee will convene one or more open briefings for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations, in order to present its activities, including assistance activities, and provide an opportunity for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations to present offers of assistance, and for Member States to share experiences, lessons learned and best practices regarding implementation.

21. The Committee will continue to make available information related to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and the Committee's work through its annual briefing to the Security Council and its annual report on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), and by making the fullest possible use of the Committee's website and other agreed means of communication.

22. The Committee will organize and participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) at the international, regional, subregional and, as appropriate, national levels, including on specific thematic and regional issues, and will invite, as appropriate, parliamentarians, as well as representatives of civil society, industry and academia.

23. The Committee will draw on the expertise of representatives of industry and scientific and academic communities, including by inviting such representatives to participate in its meetings and activities, with their States' consent if appropriate, with a view to assisting States to implement resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

### **Administration and support**

24. The Committee will encourage Member States to support its work, including by making financial contributions on a voluntary basis, including to the trust fund for global and regional disarmament activities. It will take full advantage of voluntary financial contributions to assist States in identifying and addressing their needs related to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), including in response to assistance requests made by States to the Committee, and will promote the efficient and effective use of existing United Nations system funding mechanisms.

25. In accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), the Committee will review its internal guidelines on matters regarding its group of experts by 30 April 2023.

### **III. Committee meetings**

26. The Committee will meet on a regular basis throughout the year in order to implement its programme of work effectively. A non-exhaustive timetable of meetings and activities is set out in annex II.

27. All meetings will be announced to Committee members with sufficient advance notice to enable them to engage appropriately. All meeting documents, including all previous relevant documentation, will be circulated to all Committee members in advance to enable them to engage on an equal footing.

## **Annex II**

### **Timetable of meetings and activities of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024**

#### **February**

- Committee meeting to consider:
  - One or more issues relating to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) on which the Committee will focus in 2023, and possible activities related to paragraph 12 of resolution 2663 (2022)
  - A multi-year programme of outreach to Member States
  - Options for the format and topics of voluntary technical guides
  - The review of its internal guidelines on matters regarding the Committee's group of experts

#### **March**

- Briefing to the Security Council by the Chair of the Committee on activities related to the programme of work
- Committee meeting to consider the review of its internal guidelines on matters regarding the group of experts
- Committee correspondence:
  - To non-reporting Member States, requesting the submission of a first report
  - To reporting Member States, in relation to relevant paragraphs of resolution 2663 (2022), including to encourage the submission of additional information on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and the development of voluntary national action plans and to promote dialogue with the Committee
  - To Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations to encourage them to designate, provide and update points of contact or coordinators, and to cooperate and share information with the Committee and Member States
  - To Member States, as required, in accordance with the multi-year programme of outreach
- Informal Committee meeting to select new members of the group of experts

#### **April**

- Committee meeting:
  - To review the internal guidelines on matters regarding the group of experts
  - To review requests for assistance and the status of assistance requests, including progress on the matching of assistance requests and offers
- Committee to review the list of existing assistance providers and consider potential additional providers

**May**

- Committee meeting to consider issues related to points of contact, including training
- Committee correspondence to Member States to encourage assistance providers to update their offers on the basis of matrix template entries

**June**

- Committee meeting to discuss the compilation and examination of information on the status of States' implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)
- Informal meeting to consider the Committee's support structure

**July**

- Committee meeting to consider one or more focus areas relating to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) as determined at the February meeting of the Committee, pursuant to paragraph 12 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)

**August**

- Committee meeting to consider:
- Committee meeting:
  - The role, efficiency and effectiveness of the matchmaking mechanism, including the revised procedure for processing assistance requests approved on 7 December 2018 (S/AC.44/2018/Note.143/Add.5)
  - The functioning of the assistance mechanism and any necessary improvements, such as revisions to the voluntary assistance template
  - The revision of assistance letter templates

**September**

- Committee meeting to discuss the organization of the open briefing for Member States to be held in October
- Committee correspondence to invite Member States to the open briefing and to encourage the sharing of experiences, lessons learned and best practices related to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)

**October**

- Committee meeting to finalize the voluntary technical reference guides, including implementation guidelines, utilizing fields included in matrix template
- Open briefing for Member States and international and regional organizations, at which the Committee will:
  - Present a summary of its activities
  - Encourage States and international and regional organizations to present offers of assistance
  - Encourage States to share experiences, lessons learned and best practices, for publication on the Committee's website

### **November**

- Committee meeting to consider one or more focus areas relating to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) as determined at the February meeting of the Committee, pursuant to paragraph 12 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)

### **December**

- Committee meeting to review requests for assistance and the status of assistance requests, including progress on the matching of assistance requests and offers
- Adoption of the annual review on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)
- Joint briefing to the Security Council by the Chair of the Committee and the Chairs of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#) and [2253 \(2015\)](#) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities; and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) concerning counter-terrorism, on cooperation between the Committees

### **January**

- Committee meeting to consider:
    - One or more issues relating to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) on which the Committee will focus during 2024 and possible activities related to paragraph 12 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)
    - A multi-year programme of outreach to Member States
    - Options for the format and topics of voluntary technical guides
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