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Letter dated 30 January 2024 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 twenty-first programme of work of the Committee and a timetable of the regular meetings of the Committee, for the period from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025 (see annexes I and II).

I should be grateful 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.

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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 2024 to 31 January 2025

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.
2. The twenty-first programme of work of the Committee covers the period from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025. Marking its twentieth anniversary this year, 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 continue to offer its expertise to the remaining States that have not yet presented a first report on steps that 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.
6. The Committee will also encourage all States that have already submitted such national reports to provide, when appropriate or at its request, additional information on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including, voluntarily, on their laws and regulations and on their effective practices.
7. The Committee will make its expertise available, at States' request, to support Member States in preparing on a voluntary basis national implementation action plans to map out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004).
8. 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, including at open briefings organized by the Committee and 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.
9. The Committee will meet 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). The Committee will continue to participate in outreach events with Member States, international organizations and, where appropriate, civil society to focus on identified issues related to implementation.

10. 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.

11. The Committee will continue 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).

12. 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

13. In accordance with paragraph 17 of resolution 2663 (2022), the Committee will review the periodicity of the status report on pending assistance requests as set out in document S/AC.44/2022/NOTE.130/Add.2.

14. 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 consider further ideas to review the efficiency of the assistance mechanism.

15. 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 that might facilitate their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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 \(2004\)](#). Summaries of meetings with these organizations and of any materials that they provide to the Committee that explain their outreach strategies will be distributed among the Committee and will subsequently be made available on the Committee's website.

Transparency and outreach

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

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

21. 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.

22. 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, including updating it on a timely basis, and other agreed means of communication.

23. The Committee will consider possible improvements to make information relevant to implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and assistance related programmes, as well as information related to paragraphs 14, 18 and 23 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#), widely available and easily accessible to Member States, including through its website and other agreed means of communication.

24. 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.

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

Administration and support

26. 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, on which it will receive information upon the request of the Committee. 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.

27. The Committee will continue to discuss issues related to the functioning of its support structure.

III. Committee meetings

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

29. All meetings will be announced to the 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 2024 to 31 January 2025

February

- Committee correspondence to invite Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations to an open briefing and to encourage the sharing of experiences, lessons learned and best practices related to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)
- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - The twentieth anniversary of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), adopted on 28 April 2004, and to set up specific activities
 - The functioning of the assistance mechanism and any necessary improvements
 - The functioning of the Committee's support structure
 - The preparation of topics for the Committee's meetings in June, October and January on issues relating to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) on which the Committee will focus in 2024, and possible activities related to paragraph 12 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)

March

- Briefing to the Security Council by the Chair of the Committee on activities related to the programme of work
- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - The organization of the open briefing for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations in accordance with paragraph 26 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)
 - Issues related to points of contact, including training courses

April

- Committee correspondence to Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations
- Open briefing for Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations in accordance with paragraph 26 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)

May

- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - Review of requests for assistance and the status of assistance requests, including requests for assistance made to the Committee and progress on the matching of assistance requests and offers
 - Review of the list of existing assistance providers and consideration of possible additional providers
 - Voluntary technical guides

- Committee correspondence to Member States to encourage assistance providers to update their offers on the basis of matrix template entries

June

- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - One or more issues relating to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) on which the Committee will focus in 2024, and possible activities related to paragraph 12 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)
 - Compilation and examination of information on the status of States' implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)

July

- Committee correspondence to encourage assistance providers to update their offers on the basis of matrix template entries

August

- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - The functioning of the assistance mechanism and any necessary improvements
 - Review of requests for assistance and the status of assistance requests, including requests for assistance made to the Committee and progress on the matching of assistance requests and offers

September

- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - Voluntary technical guides
 - The Committee's website
 - The functioning of the Committee's support structure (if considered necessary by the Committee)

October

- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - One or more issues relating to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) on which the Committee will focus in 2024, and possible activities related to paragraph 12 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)

November

- 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

December

- Adoption of the annual review on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)
- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - Review of requests for assistance and the status of assistance requests, including requests for assistance made to the Committee and progress on the matching of assistance requests and offers
 - Multi-year programme of outreach to Member States

January

- Meeting of the Committee to consider:
 - One or more issues relating to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) on which the Committee will focus in 2025, and possible activities related to paragraph 12 of resolution [2663 \(2022\)](#)
 - Voluntary technical guides
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