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**Letter dated 1 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative of
Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith Indonesia's national statement (see annex) in relation to the written briefing of the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) ([S/2020/347](#)).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated to the members of the Security Council and be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations



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Written statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, Dian Triansyah Djani

We once again welcome the briefing by the Chair of the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), and would like to convey the points below in our national capacity:

First, on the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to the activities of the Committee:

On one hand, we welcomed the adoption of the 2020 programme of work in February, and we urge members of the Committee to live up to what they have agreed on the programme of work and to work together to implement it well.

On the other hand, we believe that the programme of work needs to be adjusted to conform to the limitations resulting from the current COVID-19 mitigation effort. We hope that the Committee continues to perform its function remotely, whenever possible, and to properly reschedule activities that are affected by the COVID-19 realities.

We encourage the Committee to work as effectively and efficiently as possible in performing its mandate and achieving the objectives, while not sacrificing the quality of the output. We urge the Committee to monitor and re-evaluate its plan periodically, until the situation is back to normal.

Second, on national implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#):

We continue to encourage non-reporting States to submit their first report, and others to provide their updated report. Indonesia submitted its first report as early as October 2004, and its latest updated report was submitted in November 2018.

Indonesia is also one of the first States to respond to the country matrices sent by the Committee in March 2020, and it provided its latest status of implementation. We encourage other States to do the same. In particular, members of the Council should lead by example.

We remain of the belief that implementation of the resolution cannot stand alone. It has to be supported with cooperation and assistance. In this regard, we continue to encourage States to use this platform, as a forum for cooperation. Further, we also encourage cooperation and engagement with international, regional and subregional organizations to support the work of the Committee and to support the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) obligations by member States effectively.

Third, on the comprehensive review:

We reiterate our view that the review should be an inclusive process. Opportunity should be given by the Committee to Member States to fully engage in the process, and it should be done effectively. Not only is this process important in order to evaluate the implementation of the resolution, but it also serves as a crucial basis for consideration of the mandate renewal of the Committee.

As mentioned before, the COVID-19 implications are affecting the Committee's workplan. However, it should not affect the opportunity for Member States to take part and express their views in the review process. The COVID-19 pandemic also affects Member States' domestic processes, including their readiness to engage in the

review process. We hope that the Committee will duly take this factor into consideration.

While the review process will consider various aspects of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), we should remember the underlying principle to differentiate the Committee's regime vis-à-vis all existing treaties related to the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction. Both should work hand in hand to overcome the current challenges.

Allow me to conclude by expressing Indonesia's readiness to continue close cooperation with the Committee. We appreciate the Committee and its group of experts, as well as the Secretariat and the Office for Disarmament Affairs, for their excellent work.
