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**Security Council Committee established pursuant
to resolution 1540 (2004)****Note verbale dated 5 December 2005 from the Permanent
Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the
Chairman of the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Committee and, with reference to the latter's letter dated 10 October 2005, has the honour to transmit herewith the second report of Finland, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex). The Permanent Mission will provide additional information on safeguarding biological weapons in due course.



Annex to the note verbale dated 5 December 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Finland's national report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004): additional information requested in letter

With reference to the letter of the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1540 (2004) dated 10 October 2005, please find enclosed an amended matrix with additional information regarding Finland's implementation of Resolution 1540. Additional information is marked in the matrix in red colour. Further clarifications are provided below.

OP 1 and related matters

Finland does not possess any weapons of mass destruction. Finland's commitment to disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation was recently reiterated in the *Government's Report on Finnish Security and Defence Policy (2004)*, which states the Government's basic position in this field.

Finland is a State Party to all international treaties listed in the section. The exact dates of deposit are provided in the matrix. In addition, Finland signed the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism on 14 September 2005 and plans to ratify the Convention without delay. Finland also aims to sign and ratify the Amendments to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts (SUA) Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988 and its related Protocol.

OP2 Nuclear Weapons

The Nuclear Energy Act (990/1987) of Finland contains general principles relating to the **peaceful use of nuclear energy**. General principle expressed in Section 4 refers to nuclear explosives. The provision stipulates that import of nuclear explosives as well as their manufacture, possession and detonation in Finland are prohibited. According to the Government's Bill for the Nuclear Energy Act, which contains the reasoning for the said Act, the provision in Section 4 is meant to prohibit the use of nuclear explosives in Finland also for peaceful purposes within the meaning of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Due to the international commitments arising from Treaties and Agreements which bound Finland, the prohibition expressed in the said provision covers, in addition to forms of acts explicitly expressed, also all other possible forms of acts relating to nuclear explosives. Therefore all acts relating to nuclear explosives are prohibited and punishable.

OP 3 (a) and (b) - Account for/Secure/Physically protect BW including Related Materials

We are still in the process of collecting information from national authorities for this section. Further details will be provided without delay.