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**Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)****Letter dated 7 November 2005 from the Permanent
Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations
addressed to the Chairman of the Committee**

I have the honour to reply to note verbale S/AC.44/2005/DDA/OC.56 of 31 August 2005 concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004). In that connection, and on instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, I have the honour to transmit the following communiqué:

Uruguay welcomes and shares the interest of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) in establishing a transparent and cooperative dialogue. To that end, Uruguay is diligently honouring its commitment to implement the aforementioned resolution. That commitment is reflected in the text of the matrix drawn up by the Committee. Uruguay has no objections to the information included by the Secretariat. However, we would like to add a number of new elements which complement the information contained in various sections of the matrix, namely:

- Uruguay participated actively in the Conference to Consider and Adopt Proposed Amendments to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials (Vienna, 4-8 July 2005). On 8 July 2005, the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) signed the amendments adopted by the Conference. The text of the amendments is currently being ratified by Parliament;
- On 16 September 2005 in New York, during the “Focus 2005” event, the President of the Republic, Tabaré Vázquez, signed the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism;
- Uruguay also wishes to report that, on 30 September 2005, it received the declaration of verification of consistency in respect of its national and international transfers, in accordance with section 4.1.1. of the agreement between IAEA and the Government of Uruguay for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. On the basis of the information contained in the declaration, IAEA confirmed on 15 September 2005 that there were no inconsistencies in national

transfers or international transfers involving Uruguay as the exporter or in international transfers involving Uruguay as the recipient;

- The Inter-Ministerial Committee for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (CIPAQ) is preparing a preliminary draft law on the reform of the Penal Code, which contains provisions that incorporate into national law the offences laid out in the Chemical Weapons Convention. The drafting process is nearing completion, at which point the draft will be submitted to Parliament.

The amended matrix is attached.

(Signed) Alejandro **Artucio**
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Permanent Representative