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On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I have the honour to refer to paragraph 9 of Security Council resolution 1977 (2011) and to transmit herewith the 2020 review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Dian Triansyah **Djani**
Chair

Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1540 (2004)



Annex

Review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) for 2020

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 1540 (2004), the Security Council expressed its intention to monitor closely the implementation of the resolution and, at the appropriate level, to take further decisions that might be required. On 20 April 2011, the Council unanimously adopted resolution 1977 (2011). Under paragraph 9 of that resolution, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) is mandated to prepare a review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) before the end of December each year, addressing in particular all aspects of paragraphs 1 to 3 of the resolution, including developing and maintaining efforts to implement the resolution in accordance with national legal authorities and legislation, and consistent with international law. In its resolution 2325 (2016), adopted on 15 December 2016, the Council welcomed the continuous submission of the annual review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), prepared with the assistance of the Committee's Group of Experts, in December each year.

2. The present review focuses on the implementation of the Committee's nineteenth programme of work (S/2020/120, annex I) for the period from 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021.¹

3. The work of the Committee during the reporting period was carried out against the background of the comprehensive review of the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), due to take place before the end of the mandate of the Committee in 2021.

4. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic resulted in the postponement and cancellation of various events planned by the Committee, as well as States, international and regional organizations and civil society related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and the comprehensive review. To mitigate the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee took precautionary measures in conducting its business, including through virtual meetings.

II. Progress and outcomes

5. In 2020, the Committee, chaired by Dian Triansyah Djani (Indonesia), continued to facilitate and monitor the implementation by States of resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee held three formal and three informal sessions in the course of the year.

6. The Committee's work was facilitated by the working group on monitoring and national implementation, coordinated by Madelin Luna (Dominican Republic); the working group on assistance, coordinated by Vincent Braconnay and Romain Le Floc'h (France); the working group on cooperation with international organizations, coordinated by Nina McBride (South Africa); and the working group on transparency and media outreach, coordinated by Stephen Knight (United States of America).

¹ The 2020 annual review contains data and information received as at 20 December 2020. Data and information received after that date will be reflected in the 2021 annual review.

A. Monitoring and national implementation

7. The Security Council, in paragraph 12 of its resolution [2325 \(2016\)](#), decided that the Committee should continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) through its programme of work. The Committee and its Group of Experts, acting on the instructions of the Committee and within its mandate, continued the compilation and general examination of information on the status of States' implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), in addition to their efforts at outreach, dialogue, assistance and cooperation. In its relevant interaction with Member States, and in accordance with resolution [2325 \(2016\)](#), the Committee gave due attention to enforcement measures; measures relating to nuclear, chemical and biological weapons; proliferation finance measures; accounting for and securing related materials; and border, export and trans-shipment controls.

8. In particular, the Committee finalized the updating and systematic review of all matrix information in preparation for the comprehensive review that was initiated in 2019. On 2 March, the Committee sent draft updated Committee matrices to all Member States, inviting comments and additional information. A total of 66 Member States responded to the invitation, of which 56 provided substantive comments and additional information. In December, the Committee finalized the review of 193 Committee matrices and published on its website updated matrices in respect of 190 Member States with their consent.

9. In its resolution [2325 \(2016\)](#), the Security Council called upon all States that had not yet done so to submit a first report to the Committee without delay. In the context of achieving universal reporting as outlined in the nineteenth programme of work, the Chair wrote to the remaining 9 States that had not yet submitted reports to encourage them to send to the Committee their initial report, in line with resolutions [1540 \(2004\)](#) and [2325 \(2016\)](#). A total of 184 out of the 193 Member States have submitted first reports.

10. In the same resolution, the Security Council encouraged States to provide additional information on their implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), including, on a voluntary basis, on their laws and regulations and effective practices in implementing the resolution. In March, the Committee invited Member States to submit up-to-date information on national implementation measures, so as to provide a more accurate set of data to assist the Committee in discharging its responsibilities, including in preparation for the comprehensive review. During the reporting period, 36 States, including Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, India, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Niger, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Viet Nam and Zambia submitted additional reports.

11. In its resolution [2325 \(2016\)](#), the Security Council encouraged States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing the key provisions of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). In 2020, Colombia and the Dominican Republic submitted their second voluntary national implementation action plans. The number of States that have submitted such plans to the Committee since 2007 stands at 35.

12. The Security Council, in its resolution [2325 \(2016\)](#), recognized that it was important that the Committee continue to engage actively in dialogue with States on their implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), including through visits to States at

their invitation. In 2020, owing to travel and other restrictions imposed in order to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee was unable to undertake visits to States. However, during the reporting period, informal consultations were undertaken by virtual means with 24 Member States to discuss and clarify additional information they provided relevant to Committee matrices and an assistance request (Mongolia) submitted to the Committee. Several of the informal discussions involved a range of governmental representatives responsible for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The informal discussions not only served to clarify matrix entries, but also contributed to further enhancing understanding of the obligations under resolution 1540 (2004).

13. States are encouraged to inform the Committee of their points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004), both in their capitals and in their permanent missions to the United Nations in New York. In 2020, 42 States, including Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Botswana, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, India, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, named or provided updates regarding their points of contact. To date, a total of 127 Member States, compared to 119 in 2019, have informed the Committee of their points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004).

14. In its nineteenth programme of work, the Committee decided to undertake initiatives to strengthen the capacity of national points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004) to assist in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) upon the request of States and the continuation of training courses conducted at the regional level for points of contact. No regional points of contact training courses were conducted in 2020 due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

15. In its nineteenth programme of work, the Committee recognized the need to promote the sharing of experience through peer reviews and other means, table-top exercises to evaluate and reinforce effective practices, and lessons learned. In 2020, the Committee received reports from the Dominican Republic and Panama, and from Paraguay and Uruguay, respectively, on the outcome of two peer reviews organized in 2019, with a view to sharing experiences and good practices in the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). To date, five peer reviews have been held globally, three of which were in the Latin American and Caribbean Group region.

16. In its nineteenth programme of work, the Committee undertook to raise awareness of the multilateral treaties and conventions aimed at preventing the proliferation of, or eliminating, nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and, within the context of paragraph 8 (a) of resolution 1540 (2004), to encourage States to promote their universal adoption and full implementation and, where applicable, to promote their implementation. In 2020, the Committee approved experts' participation in relevant events, including a virtual seminar on the role of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction in building biosecurity resilience and promoting disease surveillance, co-organized by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Trinidad and Tobago and held in July.

17. In accordance with its nineteenth programme of work, the Committee also continued to raise awareness of the relevant international legal instruments whose implementation would address obligations under resolution 1540 (2004), and, within the context of paragraph 8 (a) of resolution 1540 (2004), encouraged States to

promote their universal adoption and full implementation. In this regard, the Committee approved experts' participation in events organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) promoting universalization of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities and the Amendment thereto, in February in Bridgetown for CARICOM States, by videoconference in Kampala in March and in two webinars in September focused on complementarities between resolution 1540 (2004) and the aforementioned Conventions.

B. Assistance

18. In 2020, States submitted five new requests for assistance to the Committee compared to eleven in 2019. The Committee received assistance requests from Chile, Colombia and Zambia, and two from Mongolia.

19. In carrying forward its clearing house function in a transparent manner, the Committee continued to post on its website summaries of requests for assistance from Member States, as well as offers of assistance from Member States and international, regional and subregional organizations or other entities.

20. The Committee continued to maintain a consolidated list of assistance requests, indicating offers and requests for assistance that have been matched, to be used as required in response to requests for information and, as appropriate, at outreach events.

21. In 2020, quarterly updates on ongoing matching activities were included in the Chair's quarterly message, including short summaries of new assistance requests and offers.

22. As mandated by paragraph 5 of resolution 1977 (2011), the Group of Experts continued consultations with officials from States during various outreach activities, including during virtual events and discussions with States on the implementation of obligations under resolution 1540 (2004), and regularly provided information about and illustrated methods of assistance that could help States strengthen their legislative and regulatory frameworks related to resolution 1540 (2004). They also explained the clearing house role of the Committee, which is designed to facilitate the flow of information between States requesting assistance and providers of assistance and promoted, where appropriate, the use by States of the Committee's template in drafting assistance requests.

C. Cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations

23. The Committee is encouraged, under resolutions 1810 (2008) and 1977 (2011), to engage actively with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to promote the sharing of experience and lessons learned in the areas covered by resolution 1540 (2004). In paragraph 22 of resolution 2325 (2016), the Security Council encourages the Committee, in collaboration with international, regional and subregional organizations, to develop assistance projects to support States in implementing resolution 1540 (2004). In response, and as required under paragraph 10 (a) of its programme of work for the period from 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021, the Committee continued to enhance its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and other relevant United Nations bodies.

24. With regard to regional and subregional organizations, the Committee approved the participation of its Group of Experts in the following virtual meetings:

(a) A seminar on the “Role of the Biological Weapons Convention in Building Biosecurity Resilience and Promoting Disease Surveillance”, organized by CARICOM and Trinidad and Tobago, in cooperation with the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit in July;

(b) A webinar entitled “Security dialogue on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction”, organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Forum for Security Cooperation in July;

(c) A conference on the theme “Counter-terrorism and secure trade strategy: balancing trade security and trade facilitation in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation region”, organized by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in October. A Committee expert delivered a presentation on the requirements of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), particularly with respect to effective national export and trans-shipment controls over weapons of mass destruction-related materials, including the Committee’s assistance facilitation mechanism, and the comprehensive review of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#);

(d) A workshop for Bolivia on the theme “Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#)”, organized by the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism of the Organization of American States (OAS) in October. During the meeting, Bolivia’s matrix and potential future assistance requests were discussed in order to assist Bolivia in implementing resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

25. The Committee and its Group of Experts, within its mandate, continued to discuss and, as appropriate, develop collaborative projects with relevant international organizations, including the following:

(a) The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW): the Group of Experts participated in two informal virtual exchanges with OPCW officials;

(b) Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit: the Group of Experts participated in informal virtual exchanges with the Implementation Support Unit;

(c) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA): the Group of Experts participated in a virtual nuclear security information exchange meeting, held in October, and continued their collaboration with IAEA officials by means of other virtual exchanges. Information exchange meetings serve as a platform for participating organizations and initiatives to share information on their nuclear security-related activities and priorities, including those relevant to the mandate of the Committee. It also presents an opportunity to strengthen coordination between the respective assistance providers to reduce duplication and ensure that effective support is provided to States requesting assistance;

(d) International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL): the Group of Experts continued their collaboration with INTERPOL officials by means of virtual exchanges and participated in the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact sub-thematic discussion on resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) organized by the Working Group on Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection and held in November. This meeting provided an opportunity to brief members of the Working Group about the requirements of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and the current status of the 2021 comprehensive review. The discussions highlighted possible considerations by participating international, regional and subregional organizations for enhancing cooperation and collaboration with the Committee in the future.

26. With regard to cooperation with other relevant United Nations bodies, the Committee approved the participation of the Group of Experts in the following activities:

(a) UNODC:

(i) A workshop for selected CARICOM countries on universalization of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities and the Amendment thereto, held in Barbados in February. The workshop presented an opportunity to enhance awareness of the obligations under resolution 1540 (2004);

(ii) A meeting on facilitating adherence to and implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Amendment to the Nuclear Material Convention, held in Uganda in March, which also provided a relevant opportunity to raise awareness on the obligations under resolution 1540 (2004);

(iii) Webinars on resolution 1540 (2004) and its relationships with the Conventions in September; and

(iv) A webinar on the international legal framework against biological terrorism, held in September. The webinar provided an opportunity for Member States to raise awareness and understanding of resolution 1540 (2004) and to promote its effective implementation;

(b) Office of Counter-Terrorism:

the Group of Experts, acting on the instructions of the Committee and within its mandate, participated in an interactive discussion on bioterrorism, as part of the UNOCT Virtual Counter-Terrorism week in July;

(c) The Office for Disarmament Affairs and its regional offices, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific:

(i) A virtual seminar on the role of the Biological Weapons Convention in building biosecurity resilience and promoting disease surveillance, co-organized by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, CARICOM and Trinidad and Tobago, held in July;

(ii) A subregional webinar series to strengthen the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States of South Asia and Mongolia, co-organized by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and the United States of America, held in December.

27. As required under paragraph 10 (b) of the Committee's programme of work, the Committee's working group on cooperation with international organizations, including 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, considered inviting expert speakers from international organizations and other United Nations bodies to its meetings, as appropriate.

28. In accordance with the list of meetings and activities of the Committee's programme of work, the Chair wrote to 35 international, regional and subregional

organizations and United Nations bodies in June 2020 to seek their written inputs to the comprehensive review under way.

29. In accordance with paragraph 10 (f) of its programme of work, the Committee continued to improve the coordination of the planning of specific activities with regional and subregional organizations in order to develop their active role in supporting the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). In this context, the Group of Experts, acting on the instructions of the Committee and within its mandate, participated in conference calls with OAS, INTERPOL, OPCW and IAEA to discuss activities and plans.

30. The Committee also continued to improve the coordination of the planning of specific activities with international organizations. In this context, the Committee approved the participation of the Group of Experts in the information exchange meeting organized by the IAEA Division of Nuclear Security and held in October.

31. As regards the requirement under paragraph 10 (g) of the Committee's programme of work to organize joint country visits with other international, regional and subregional organizations, no invitations were received from States.

32. Under paragraph 10 (h) of its programme of work, the Committee is directed to continue to participate in major events organized by international, regional and subregional organizations as opportunities for dialogue with them and their points of contact or coordinators. The Committee met this requirement through the activities listed in paragraphs 24 to 25 above.

33. In accordance with paragraph 10 (i) of its programme of work, the Committee continued to explore opportunities to enhance ongoing cooperation with the related United Nations sanctions committees concerning counter-terrorism:

(a) The Chair of the Committee briefed the Security Council on 23 November, together with the Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Chair 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;

(b) The Group of Experts, acting on the instructions of the Committee and within its mandate, attended quarterly briefings to Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate by the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team in order to share relevant information and to discuss common issues.

34. As an entity of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, the Group of Experts, acting on the instructions of the Committee and within its mandate, continued to participate in relevant working group meetings. These meetings provided an opportunity to describe the requirements of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and the work of the Committee to the members of the Working Group and to learn of any activities conducted by these members of relevance to the work of the Committee.

35. Under paragraph 10 (j) of its programme of work, the Committee was required to continue to expand relationships with specified international non-proliferation mechanisms and related events. With regard to the identification of assistance requirements and programmes as required by paragraph 10 (j) (ii), the Group of Experts had virtual exchanges with OPCW officials to coordinate potential assistance offers for States in order to implement the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction and related obligations under resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

D. Transparency and outreach

36. Transparency and outreach activities make important contributions to fostering greater cooperation and raising awareness among States, parliamentarians, relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and civil society, including industry, regarding the obligations set out in resolution 1540 (2004) and their implementation.

37. In 2020, the Chair, Committee members and experts acting on the instructions of the Committee and within its mandate participated in 19 outreach events (see enclosure).

38. In order for the Chair of the Committee to remain as engaged as possible in the work of the Committee, a recorded message by the Chair is sent to the Committee when the Chair is unable to attend an event in person. In 2020, the Chair addressed participants at the International Conference on Nuclear Security: Sustaining and Strengthening Efforts, which was organized by IAEA and was held from 10 to 14 February in Vienna.

39. With respect to industry, the Committee participated in one event in 2020 that directly engaged industry and provided opportunities to work with and provide information for industry regarding its obligations under national laws. In February, the Center for Information on Security Trade Control, under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Japan, hosted the 27th Asian Export Control Seminar.

40. In 2020, the Committee continued to maintain its website as a tool to raise public awareness and serve as a key source of information and resources relating to resolution 1540 (2004) for use by Member States, Committee members, civil society and industry. With support from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the site was updated regularly. Those updates included:

(a) A calendar of past outreach events and workshops, as well as confirmed upcoming events, including information notes on such activities;

(b) A list of frequently asked questions;

(c) Identification by Member States and international and regional organizations of national points of contact;

(d) Assistance requests and offers;

(e) National reports and voluntary national implementation action plans;

(f) Statements and presentations by the Chair and Committee members.

41. In 2020, the Committee continued to publish quarterly messages from the Chair on the Committee website² and to distribute them to registered subscribers.

42. In 2020, the website had received 99,022 page-views as at 20 December, which represented an increase of 2 per cent in comparison with the number of page-views the previous year.

43. In 2020, two Committee press releases were published relating to Committee developments, compared to four in 2019.

² Available from <https://www.un.org/en/sc/1540/chair-message.shtml>.

E. Administrative matters

44. The Office for Disarmament Affairs and Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs continued to provide, in coordination where appropriate, support to the Committee and its Group of Experts.

45. In 2020, several of the activities of the Committee were supported by voluntary contributions to the trust fund for global and regional disarmament activities. In 2020, funds were used from grants provided in earlier years by Andorra, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America and the European Union.

46. On 3 December, the Committee agreed on a new member of the Group of Experts, Irina Albrecht (Germany).

III. Comprehensive review

47. In paragraph 3 of resolution [1977 \(2011\)](#), the Security Council decided that the Committee will conduct a comprehensive review on the status of implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), both after five years and prior to the renewal of its mandate, including, if necessary, recommendations on adjustments to the mandate, and will submit to the Council a report on the conclusions of those reviews.

48. The Committee approved a modalities paper for the conduct of the comprehensive review on 18 April 2019 and a tentative plan of activities on 15 August 2019. Owing to delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Chair of the Committee informed the Security Council on 27 August that in order for States to plan accordingly, the Committee had formally decided that all activities related to the review, including the open consultations, should be postponed until 2021, with the exception of the process currently under way of revising the Committee matrices and any other activities that could be undertaken in an online format. The Committee informed Member States of its decision on 11 September. The Committee has also been considering options to reschedule the remaining elements of the modalities paper and programme of work related to the review.

49. Activities that were completed in 2020 in preparation for the 2021 comprehensive review included: the finalization of Committee matrices and publication thereof on the Committee website; approval of the outline of the final report; and letters to international and regional organizations inviting them to submit written inputs on their work in support of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) since the previous comprehensive review, held in 2016.

50. Activities planned for 2021 include formal open consultations with Member States, international organizations and the relevant sectors of civil society, which will provide information, proposals and recommendations to be considered in the report on the comprehensive review.

IV. Final considerations

51. With regard to the comprehensive review, the Committee will consider a revised plan of activities for the review process in 2021.

52. With regard to implementation, only 9 of 193 Member States have yet to submit their first reports on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). The Committee will continue to engage with non-reporting States in 2021 and encourage reporting States to submit additional information on their implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

53. The training courses for points of contact for resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) remains a useful tool in building capacity of officials to facilitate the implementation of the resolution. The Committee will support the organization of such training courses in 2021, as appropriate.
54. The Committee will also continue to engage with States that invite it to assist them in developing voluntary national implementation action plans, including in cooperation with other international and regional organizations.
55. The Committee continued to recognize the need for a tailored dialogue with and among States on the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). The Committee will continue its direct engagement with States, upon invitation, including through its Group of Experts, to discuss implementation measures and to use its existing resources to facilitate prompt and effective responses to assistance requests, where applicable.
56. The Committee will consider organizing an outreach event in New York, similar to the point of contacts training courses, for points of contacts in United Nations missions in New York, in order to provide briefings on resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and to publicize the Committee's work on assistance, including its matchmaking role, to explain how assistance requests could be formulated, to present results of assistance provided, and future assistance opportunities.
57. With regard to international cooperation, the Committee will continue to develop collaboration with international organizations, in particular during relevant meetings, workshops or other international events, during visits of representatives to New York and through direct interactions at headquarters. To promote a more active role among regional and subregional organizations in supporting the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#), the Committee will further develop outreach to these organizations and continue to improve the coordination of planning for specific activities.
58. The Committee will seek opportunities to hold meetings with relevant specialized international organizations to improve cooperation in assistance and the exchange of information on technical issues. Regarding regional and subregional organizations, the Committee will continue to develop existing and future activities related to the implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) and on related assistance, taking into account regional contexts.
59. The Committee will continue to coordinate and collaborate with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and 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 their experts, within their respective mandates.
60. The Committee will continue to maximize the value of its website as an important element of its awareness-raising activities.
61. As resources permit, further development, including the enhancement of technology to support the management and use of the Committee's data, including its matrices, will be considered.
62. The Committee will continue to raise awareness among parliamentarians and other high-level decision makers, where appropriate.
63. The Committee will continue to support dialogue between States and industry, where appropriate, on the effective implementation of the relevant requirements of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

Enclosure**Outreach events held in 2020 attended by the Committee**

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Organizer(s)/sponsor(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
13–15 January	Conference “Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) – Planning for 2021 and beyond”	Wilton Park Centre and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Wilton Park, United Kingdom
10–14 February	International Conference on Nuclear Security: Sustaining and Strengthening Efforts	IAEA	Vienna (video message by Chair)
12 and 13 February	27th Asian Export Control Seminar	Center for Information on Security Trade Control, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Japan	Tokyo
25–27 February	Workshop for selected CARICOM countries on universalization of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities and the 2005 Amendment thereto	Government of Barbados, UNODC, Canada	Bridgetown
3 March	Briefing to United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on Emerging Threats and Critical Infrastructure Protection	INTERPOL	New York
3 and 4 March	Workshop on chemical security and national action plans for resolution 1540 (2004)	Stimson Center	Washington, D.C.
5 March	National workshop facilitating adherence to and implementation of the 2005 International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the 2005 Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material	Government of Uganda, UNODC, IAEA, European Union	Kampala (via videoconference)
6–10 July	Office of Counter-Terrorism virtual counter-terrorism week	Office of Counter-Terrorism	Virtual meeting
8 July	Seminar on the role of the Biological Weapons Convention in building biosecurity resilience and promoting disease surveillance in Trinidad and Tobago	CARICOM-resolution 1540 programme, Government of Trinidad and Tobago, Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit	Virtual meeting

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Organizer(s)/sponsor(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>
8 July	OSCE Forum for Security Cooperation online security dialogue on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction	OSCE	Virtual meeting
8 and 9 September	Webinars on countering chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism: international legal approaches and criminal justice responses	UNODC, European Union	Virtual meeting
29 September	Online training course on the international legal framework against biological terrorism	UNODC	Virtual meeting
19 and 20 October	19th nuclear security information exchange meeting	IAEA	Virtual meeting
20 and 21 October	11th secure trade in APEC regional conference, “Counter-terrorism and secure trade strategy: balancing trade security and trade facilitation in the APEC region”	Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia, under the APEC framework	Virtual meeting
27 October	National online workshop for Bolivia on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of OAS	Virtual meeting
24 November	United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact sub-thematic discussion group on resolution 1540 (2004)	INTERPOL	Virtual meeting
11 December	National online round table for Panama on implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)	Government of Panama and the Committee	Virtual meeting
14 December	Virtual open briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on “The threat of terrorism in Latin America and the Caribbean”	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism	Virtual meeting
1, 8 and 15 December	Subregional webinar series to strengthen the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by the States of South Asia and Mongolia	Office for Disarmament Affairs/UNRCPD, United States	Virtual meeting

Abbreviations: APEC, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation; CARICOM, Caribbean Community; IAEA, International Atomic Energy Agency; INTERPOL, International Criminal Police Organization; OAS, Organization of American States; OSCE, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; UNODC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; UNRCPD, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.