

**SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1540 (2004)**

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS WORK

1. 1540 Committee

(a). The Committee of the Security Council established pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) of 28 April 2004 will be known as the 1540 Committee.

(b). The Committee is a subsidiary body of the Security Council;

2. Mandate of the Committee

(a). The Committee is established in accordance with rule 28 of the Security Council provisional rules of procedure for a period of no longer than two years.

(b). The Committee will, calling as appropriate on other expertise, report to the Security Council for its examination on the implementation of resolution 1540(2004).

(c). The Committee will receive and examine the national reports of Member States, a first report submitted no later than six months from the adoption of resolution 1540 (2004), on steps they have taken or intend to take to implement the resolution.

(d). The Committee may decide to establish, as necessary, arrangements to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). If it deems appropriate, the Committee may also establish arrangements to cooperate with other relevant international, regional, sub-regional bodies and relevant committees established under the Security Council, which it decides can contribute to the work of the Committee.

(e). The Committee will submit regular reports, including recommendations as necessary, to the Security Council on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

(f). The Committee recognizes that some States may require assistance in implementing the provisions of resolution 1540(2004) within their territories and will continue to invite States in a position to do so to offer assistance as appropriate in response to specific requests to the States lacking the legal and regulatory infrastructure, implementation experience and/or resources for fulfilling the above provisions.

(g). The Committee reaffirms that none of the obligations set forth in resolution 1540(2004) shall be interpreted so as to conflict with or alter the rights and obligations of States Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention or alter the responsibilities of the IAEA or the OPCW.

3. Composition of the Committee

(a). The Committee will consist of all Members of the Security Council.

(b). The Chairman of the Committee will be appointed by the Security Council. The Chairman of the Committee will be assisted by Vice-Chairmen, who will be appointed by the Security Council.

(c). The Chairman will chair the meetings of the Committee. When he/she is unable to chair a meeting, he/she will nominate a Vice-Chairman to act on his/her behalf.

(d). The Secretariat of the Committee will be provided by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

(e). For the fulfilment of its mandate, the Committee will consider and approve the recruitment of experts. Such experts will be proposed by UN Member States as well as by the Secretariat, taking into account recommendations by UN Member States.

4. Meetings of the Committee

(a). Meetings of the Committee will be convened at any time the Chairman deems necessary, or at the request of a Member of the Committee. At least 48 hours' notice will normally be given for any meeting of the Committee, unless otherwise decided by the Members of the Committee.

(b). The Committee will meet in closed session, unless it decides otherwise.

(c). The Committee may invite any Member of the United Nations to participate in the discussion of any question brought before the Committee in which the interests of that Member are specifically affected.

(d). The Chairman may invite experts of the Committee to attend meetings as appropriate.

(e). The Committee, as appropriate, may invite members of the Secretariat, or other persons whom it considers competent, for the purpose of providing appropriate expertise or information or of providing other assistance in examining matters within its competence.

5. Documentation and Agenda

(a). The Chairman, in conjunction with the Secretariat, will circulate a provisional agenda and related documents at least 48 hours before a meeting of the Committee.

(b). The Chairman, in conjunction with the Secretariat, will circulate other relevant documents and papers to members of the Committee.

6. Information supplied to the Committee

(a). The Committee may consider information it deems relevant to its work received from those bodies referred to in paragraph 2(d).

(b). The information received by the Committee will be kept confidential if the provider so requests or if the Committee so decides.

7. Reports

Reports submitted by Member States pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 1540 (2004) will be circulated as documents of the Security Council.

8. Decision-making

(a). The Committee will take decisions by consensus of its Members. If consensus cannot be reached on a particular issue, the Chairman will undertake such further consultations as may facilitate agreement. If, after such consultations, consensus still cannot be reached, the matter will be submitted to the Security Council for its consideration.

(b). In cases where the Committee so agrees, decisions may be taken by a written procedure. In such cases the Chairman will circulate to all Members of the Committee the proposed decision of the Committee, and will request Members of the Committee to indicate their objection to the proposed decision within 96 hours or, in urgent situations, within a shorter period, but no less than 48 hours, to be determined by the Chairman. If no objection is received within the stated period, the decision will be considered adopted.

9. Transparency

- (a) The Committee will undertake its tasks with utmost transparency.
- (b) The Chairman, and the Vice-Chairmen, as appropriate, in consultation with the Committee, will hold regular briefings for interested Member States, relevant international bodies and the media, to explain the work of the Committee.
- (c) The Committee will, as appropriate, issue press releases on its activities.