

UNSCR 1540



A UK NATIONAL VIEW

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- ⌘ UK co-sponsored resolution
- ⌘ UK chairs one of the 1540 sub-committees
- ⌘ Addressed problem of WMD proliferation by non-state actors.
- ⌘ Concrete example of Security Council responding to a threat to international peace and security

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- ⌘ 1540 makes clear - all states have a responsibility to take steps to prevent WMD proliferation
- ⌘ Number of measures required.
- ⌘ Three areas to discuss today:
 - ☑ developing appropriate, effective export controls on WMD related materials where these do not exist;
 - ☑ encouraging the provision of technical assistance for countries that will need help to enforce these measures;
 - ☑ writing a national report - the UK experience.

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⌘ UK recently implemented new export control legislation - THE EXPORT CONTROL ACT 2002

- ☑ In the context of UNSCR 1540 this defines 'relevant use' for WMD related items;
- ☑ Orders under the Act prohibit the transfer of technology to WMD programmes
- ☑ Provides national export and trans-shipment controls
- ☑ Provides for end-user controls

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⌘ 1540 and provision of assistance.

- ☒ Can be individual bilateral request (UK currently working with Argentina on seminar to be held in Buenos Aires 26-28 Sep on preparation of national reports under 1540).
- ☒ Countries requiring assistance can choose other routes - through UN; regional organisations (EU/OSCE/GRULAC/CARICOM/ASEAN all possibilities). UN web site has assistance register
- ☒ Many requests will be familiar to providers:
 - ☒ legislative drafting
 - ☒ training of customs/border control staff.

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⌘ IMPLEMENTATION OF 1540

☑ Preparation of UK national report:

- ☑ Cross-government exercise - co-ordination in UK by Foreign Office
- ☑ Each Operative paragraph of 1540 broken down and named individual in relevant Ministry assigned responsibility for bringing together information about UK compliance with that aspect of Resolution

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- ☒ Cross-government meeting identifies relevant information, determines where there are gaps either in information or in UK legislation; discusses how gaps might best be filled (more information; new legislation; change in Orders under current legislation etc)
- ☒ Individual government departments draft appropriate language on individual operative paragraphs of 1540 for report.

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- ⌘ Foreign Office pulls together language from other Ministries into a coherent prose report, taking each Operative paragraph of 1540 separately.
- ⌘ UK second report just completed and submitted using this method - complex legislative background; completion required the full 2 months.
- ⌘ Suggestions for how this information might translate to the matrix also provided by UK.
- ⌘ Copies of UK report available.

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⌘ Conclusion:

- ☑ UK fully supports - sees opportunities for work under 1540 to enhance non-proliferation regime
- ☑ UK ready to provide assistance where it is able to do so, no matter how it is requested
- ☑ UK 2nd national report available.