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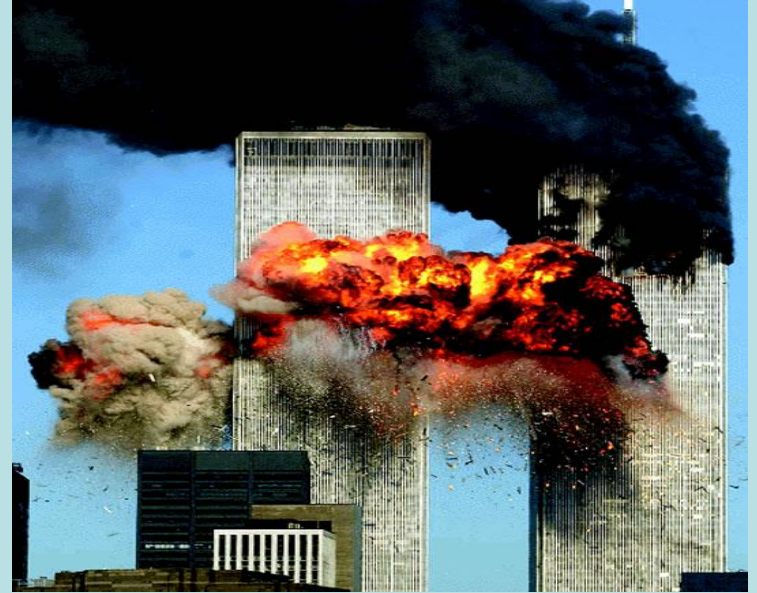
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Group of Experts
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Results of Proliferation of WMD to non-State actors



Model of what a nuclear suitcase bomb might look like



Tokyo Subway Sarin Gas Attack in March 1995



2001 Anthrax Attacks



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South African prosecutors have begun outlining their case against two men accused of being part of a global nuclear weapons smuggling ring.



The two men will contest the charges, their lawyers say

Gerhard Wisser, 66, and Daniel Geiges, 65, are accused of importing and exporting equipment capable of being used in uranium enrichment.

Their lawyers say the two men - both engineers - intend to plead innocent.

South Africa links last week's arrests to Libya's nuclear efforts, which Tripoli agreed to abandon last year.

The case came as South Africa agreed to co-operate with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its investigation of the activities

“ This case must rank as one of the most serious in the world ”

Chris MacAdam
prosecutor

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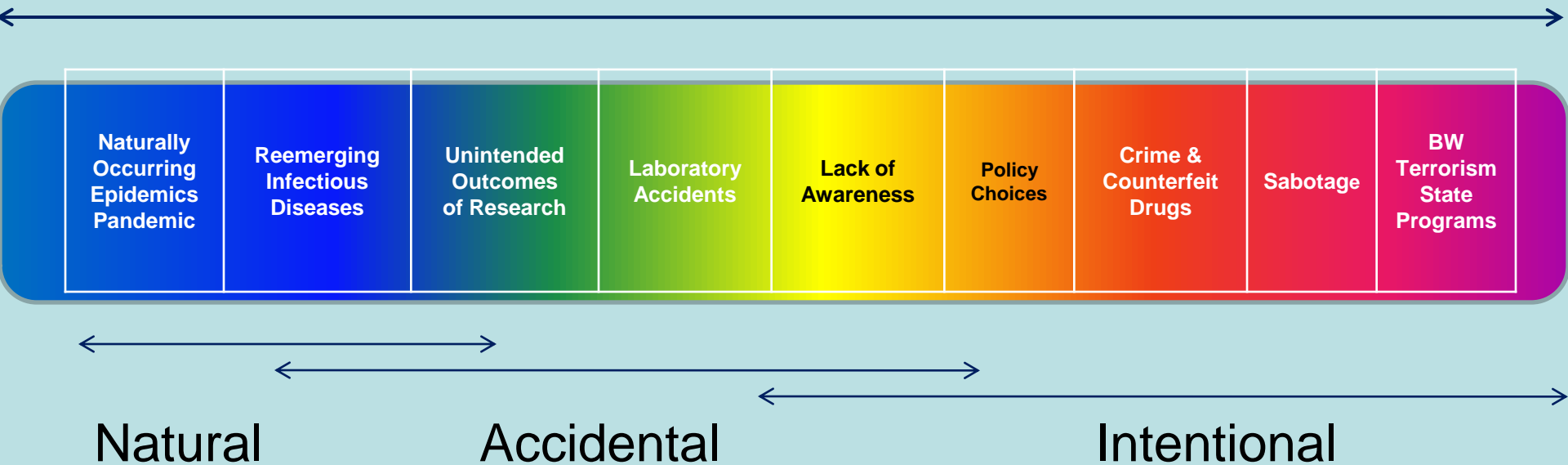
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Spectrum of Biological Risks



From: EMBO Science and Security Series. Special Issue, 2006, Terence Taylor



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Security Council

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Resolution 1540 (2004)

**Adopted by the Security Council at its 4956th meeting,
on 28 April 2004**

The Security Council,

Affirming that proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery,* constitutes a threat to international peace and security,



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Basic obligations

1. **Refrain** from providing any form of **support** to non-state actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use WMD & their means of delivery



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Basic obligations

2. Adopt and enforce
appropriate and effective **laws**
that prohibit any non-State actor
engaging in such activities,
including acting as an
accomplice, or to assist or to
finance



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Basic obligations

3. Establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of these weapons, i.e., **controls over related materials**, measures in the areas of **accounting / securing, physical protection, border and law enforcement, export and trade-related controls**



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The Resolution outlines obligations relating to ***what*** States have to do --
but not how to do it



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The Secretary-General Sent a Message on the Tenth Anniversary of the Adoption of Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004), New York, 28 April 2014



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**Security Council high-level Open Debate on
“The Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction:
Commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of Resolution 1540 (2004) and
Looking Forward” (7 May 2014)**
(UN photo: Evan Schneider)



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Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea delivering the Presidential Statement at the UN Security Council Open Debate on 7 May 2014 in New York



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UN Security Council Presidential Statement 10 May 2014

“The Security Council recognizes the importance of countering nuclear, chemical and biological threats in the context of resolution 1540 (2004). In this regard, the Security Council reaffirms **the necessity to prevent non-State actors access to, or assistance and financing for nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, related materials and their means of delivery.**

The Security Council emphasizes the need for the Committee to coordinate its non-proliferation work with other international, regional and sub-regional organizations.”



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1540 IMPLEMENTATION





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VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REPORTING

- States are called upon to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution
- States that have submitted such reports are encouraged to provide additional information, including, voluntarily, on effective practices
- Continuous task
- All but 20 UN Member States have submitted at least a first national report



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NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLANS

- States are encouraged to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans (NAP), mapping out their priorities and plans for implementing UNSCR 1540
- NAP has to fit national circumstances: scope, content and form vary
- Valuable to enhance inter-agency coordination for, among others, gap analysis, prioritisation, identification of assistance needs





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The Minister of Foreign Affairs delivering an address at the opening of a visit to Bangladesh by representatives of the 1540 Committee



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UN Security Council Presidential Statement 10 May 2014

“The Security Council recognizes that many States continue to require assistance in implementing resolution 1540 (2004) and stresses the need of enhanced **assistance** in this area. The Security Council encourages and **supports national, regional and sub-regional capacity building events** as a means to support the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).”



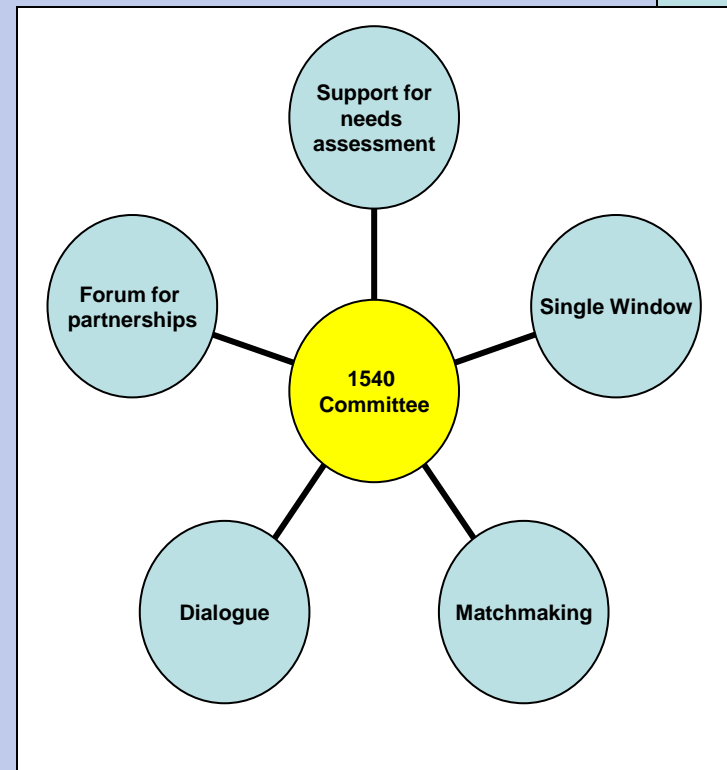
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Assistance – The Match-Making Role

Assistance

- Support in **identifying** implementation challenges and assistance needs
- Providing a forum for the development of **assistance partnerships**
- **Single Window** for assistance requests
- **“Matchmaking”** by the Committee and the Group of Experts
- **Dialogue** with relevant International, Regional and Sub-regional Organisations





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Cooperation with International, Regional, Sub-regional Organisations (Illustrative List Only)





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Outreach to Civil Society

- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- Biosafety Associations (IFBA, Regional (e.g. AfBSA) and National Associations (e.g., ABSA))
- Industry Associations
- Academia
- Regional and Sub-Regional Infectious Disease Surveillance Networks (MECIDS, MBDS, SACIDS)



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Sub-regional National Capacity Evaluation and Training Workshop for Personnel of National Authorities of State Parties from Pacific Island States involved in the National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Conventions, Brisbane, Australia, 20-24 May 2014. (Credit : OPCW)



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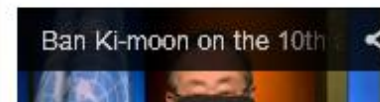
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)

On 28 April 2004, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted [Resolution 1540 \(2004\)](#) under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter which affirms that the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery constitutes a threat to international peace and security. The resolution obliges States, *inter alia*, to refrain from supporting by any means non-State actors from developing, acquiring, manufacturing, possessing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their delivery systems.

What's new on this site?

Secretary-General's message

on the Tenth Anniversary of the Adoption of Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) New York, 28 April 2014





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1540 COMMITTEE

- **Not a sanctions committee.** Does not investigate or prosecute alleged violations of non-proliferations obligations
- **Cooperative and transparent approach** to facilitate implementation of the resolution
- **Working methodology:** annual programme of work, annual review, comprehensive review every five years and working groups
- Assisted by group of up to **nine experts**
- Department of Political Affairs (**DPA**) serve as the **Secretariat** to the Committee. The Office for Disarmament Affairs (**ODA**) provides **support** to the Committee



Oh Joon
1540 Committee Chair





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WHO ARE THE EXPERTS?

A group of nine experts appointed by the Secretary-General who:

- Directly support the Chair and members of the 1540 Committee
- Work directly with States as requested
- Work directly with international organisations (regional and professional)
- Conduct and support outreach events





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