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Excellency,

Following recent discussions regarding opportunities for collaboration between the Global Partnership (GP) and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I am pleased to transmit an informal paper on this topic for your consideration.

I look forward to our continued cooperation and partnership in achieving the objectives of the resolution 1540 (2004).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Baso Sangqu
Chairman

Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

Attachment

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION ON ASSISTANCE BETWEEN
the 1540 Committee & GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP (GP)**

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IO Mission/Objectives and GP-Relevant Instruments/Agreements/Work

The 1540 Committee, established by the UN Security Council to monitor and facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States, is a subsidiary body of the Security Council, composed of the fifteen current members of the Council. The mandate and scope of activities of the 1540 Committee are derived from resolution 1540 (2004) and subsequent resolutions 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), and 1977 (2011) and the Programmes of Work submitted to the President of the Security Council by the Chairman of the 1540 Committee. The Committee established working groups in the following areas:

- (i) Monitoring and national implementation;
- (ii) Assistance;
- (iii) Co-operation with international organisations, including the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1373 (2001); and,
- (iv) Transparency and media outreach.

The working groups are open to all members of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

The 1540 Committee is assisted by a group of experts. The UN Department for Political Affairs (UNDPA) and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), provide support to the 1540 Committee and its group of experts.

The work and activities of the 1540 Committee are guided by the principle of transparency, helping to enhance confidence, foster great co-operation and raise the awareness of States, relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations, civil society and the private

sector regarding issues relevant to resolution 1540 (2004), which facilitates the implementation of the resolution by States.

Resolution 1540 (2004) recognizes that some States may require assistance in seeking full implementation of the resolution. In its operative paragraph 7, the Security Council encourages States to convey such requests to the Committee.

While the status of implementation of resolution 1540 steadily continues to improve since the adoption of the resolution in 2004, the Committee also recognizes that much work remains to be done and that the threat remains considerable. In this regard, the 1540 Committee appreciates the efforts by the Global Partnership to facilitate resolution 1540 (2004).

The 1540 Committee and its experts participate in conferences and other outreach activities that are relevant for resolution 1540 (2004) in all regions of the world. The 1540 Committee and its experts also participate in visits to States, at their invitation, to discuss all aspects of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

Together with other outreach activities, these events contributed to a greater awareness of the importance of resolution 1540 (2004), as well as resolutions 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008) and 1977 (2011), and towards more effective national implementation and international co-operation.

At the Deauville G8 Summit, in May 2011, Heads of State and Government decided to renew the Global Partnership beyond 2012. They adopted the *Declaration on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament* which states that “*We welcome the adoption of resolution 1977 reinforcing resolution 1540 which aims to prevent non-State actors from acquiring WMDs, their means of delivery and related materials and renewing the mandate of the 1540 Committee. We invite all States to contribute to the implementation of resolution 1540 and we reiterate our support to the 1540 Committee in the discharge of its mandate*” (paragraph 14).

The G8 *Global Partnership Assessment and Options for Future Programming* document (Deauville, May 2011) identifies four priorities for the future of the Partnership, including facilitation of resolution 1540 and for which Global Partnership partners can consider to provide assistance: “*By providing equipment, expertise and training, GP partners could enhance WMD non-proliferation and counter-terrorism capacities in countries seeking to meet 1540 obligations and lacking the ability to do so, upon their request.*”

1540 Committee offerings / proposals for the GP to consider

The 1540 Committee itself plays a clearinghouse role, facilitating match-making between requests and offers of assistance. The 1540 Committee and the Global Partnership support the shared goal of preventing by any means non-State actors from developing, acquiring, manufacturing, possessing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their delivery systems.

The 1540 Committee would welcome a regular sharing of information with the Global Partnership on assistance and capacity-building-related matters. The Committee is willing to continue to share with the Global Partnership the assistance requests it receives from States with a view to facilitate their consideration by Global Partnership members.

A number of states have adopted or are considering adopting, on a voluntary basis, national action plans identifying priorities and plans to implement resolution 1540 (2004). In this regard, the Committee would inform the Global Partnership on these plans, as appropriate, if they are related to assistance and capacity-building, including past, present and future projects and programmes.

Experts supporting the 1540 Committee are willing to continue to brief the Global Partnership on the status of assistance requests and matchmaking activities, with a view to facilitate delivery of assistance related to resolution 1540 (2004) in a timely and effective manner. The Committee and its experts could pass to the Global Partnership relevant information on States that express their intent to deliver assistance, in response to a request submitted to the 1540 Committee.

The Committee would welcome briefings by the Global Partnership on developments that are relevant for resolution 1540 (2004). The Committee appreciates efforts by the Global Partnership to promote the submission of points of contact on assistance by States and relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations to the Committee.

The Security Council, through resolution 1977 (2011), encourages States to make available “in kind” contributions or cost-free training and expertise to the 1540 Committee to help the group of experts meet requests for assistance in a timely and effective manner. The 1540 Committee and its experts look forward to discussing in concrete terms possible proposals from Global Partnership members, for instance in the areas of legal and technical training and expertise.