

Chile

Chile is a State party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (CBW)

-Legislation, including criminal legislation, implementing specific provisions of international disarmament law

Following the adoption of resolution 1540, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs established an inter-ministerial working group made up of all the ministries, offices and public services which, by virtue of their spheres of competence, have a part to play in the Chilean State's fulfillment of its obligations under international disarmament law.

Represented in the group are the Ministries of the Interior, Defense, Justice and Health; the Office of the Minister and Secretary-General of the Presidency and the Office of the Minister and Secretary-General of Government; the Public Prosecutor's Office; the National Intelligence Agency; the Department of Territorial Waters and the Merchant Marine; the Department of National Mobilization; the Department of Customs and Excise; and the Department of Civil Aviation.

The group's brief is to consider and recommend concrete measures of a legislative and administrative nature to strengthen and enhance Chile's compliance with the universal instruments mentioned above, in accordance with resolution 1540. These should include preventive measures, such as improved export controls, as well as palliative and criminal measures.

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Accordingly, a legal sub-working group has been established to prepare draft legislation providing definitions and penalties relating specifically to conduct prohibited under international disarmament law but not yet covered by general legislation (notably counter-terrorist legislation).

The Government considers that the working group and any sub-groups it may establish should work through to the end of 2005. It will keep the Security Council informed in that regard through your good offices