

Egypt

Egypt believes that the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is an unprecedented threat not only to international peace and security, but also to all humanity. Based on this premise, it considers that combating these evil weapons lies, in principle, in their elimination, with the countries of the world abolishing their nuclear, biological or chemical arsenals.

Egyptian legislation includes laws that ban activities involving nuclear, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction, in keeping with resolution 1540 (2004): (NOTE: NO REFERENCES, EVEN TANGENTIALLY, TO BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS)

Egypt's efforts to implement Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)
The Egyptian Government has taken the necessary measures to meet the obligations outlined in the resolution, as detailed below:

1. A national Working Group has been formed consisting of representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence, the Interior, Justice, Finance, Industry, Civil Aviation, Transport, Housing, the Nuclear Energy Authority, and the Nuclear Material Authority, the Customs Authority, and land and sea entry points. This group will be the core of a strong committee the establishment of which is currently being considered in the context of implementing resolution 1540 (2004); 6 S/AC.44/2004/(02)/88

2. The Working Group meets regularly and its task is to focus on the following:

- (a) Matching current legislation and regulations with the obligations outlined in the resolution;
- (b) Identifying the fields that might require introducing new legislative, monitoring and executive provisions;
- (c) Reviewing the current regulations for monitoring radioactive, dangerous and dual-use material;
- (d) Working towards raising the level of awareness of staff employed by authorities and establishments that deal with such material.