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**Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)****Note verbale dated 5 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission
of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of
the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) concerning weapons of mass destruction and, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1810 (2008), has the honour to submit below further information on the implementation by the State of Qatar of resolution 1540 (2004), as provided by the competent authorities of the State of Qatar:

(a) As part of the measures taken by the State of Qatar to combat terrorism, the National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons organized, in May 2011, a five-day Training Course for Customs Officers and Inspectors. The training programme focused on the role of customs in implementing the conventions on weapons of mass destruction. Prevention of illicit trafficking of nuclear, radioactive, chemical and biological materials was addressed in the course. Participants were informed that such measures were very important in preventing terrorist groups from obtaining weapons of mass destruction, which is the goal of resolution 1540 (2004);

(b) As a step towards fulfilling the obligations of Qatar in respect of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, on 19 January 2009, the State of Qatar signed with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) the Safeguards Agreement and the Small Quantities Protocol;

(c) To implement the Safeguards Agreement, the Qatar National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons prepared a draft of the National System of Accounting for and Control of Nuclear Materials. The System is in the process of being issued;

(d) The initial report on the inventory of nuclear materials in Qatar was prepared by the National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons and submitted to IAEA;

(e) The National Committee for the Prohibition of Weapons prepared a draft of the Biological Weapons Law. The Law is in the process of being issued.