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EU Statement on the EU Decision in support of UNSCR 1540 implementation

Mr. Chairman, the European Union and its Member States would like to inform the FSC that on 11 May 2017 the EU Council adopted a Decision in support of UNSCR 1540 implementation.

Based on our fruitful cooperation in the past, UNODA will again perform the role of implementing partner for this project, in collaboration with the OSCE. The EU Decision will extend over a three years period and make available more than EUR 2.6 million for cooperation and capacity-building, both nationally and at regional level.

In the OSCE region, we will pay special attention to the elaboration and implementation of national action plans. We also seek to promote the role of industry in UNSCR 1540 implementation through relevant initiatives such as the "Wiesbaden process". Last but not least, we are keen to foster a closer cooperation between EU-funded projects implemented by UNODA and the OSCE and those implemented by the European Commission through the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence.