

Implementing UNSCR/1540 – the Role of Industry and Corporate Governance

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ABSTRACT

Governments share an international threat and have undertaken a commitment to take steps to work together to improve nuclear security and combat the threat. UNSCR/1540 established the obligation for all States to adopt and enforce effective physical protection measures, including Operative Paragraph 8 (d) which calls upon all States to develop appropriate ways to work with and inform industry and the public regarding their obligations under such laws.

The World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) was launched in 2008 with the specific objective of becoming the international forum for the promotion and sharing of best nuclear security practices, involving those that have responsibilities for nuclear security in government and private nuclear organisations, in both civil and defence sectors.

This paper will set out how WINS intends to pursue its mission and how it can help countries meet UNSCR 1540 requirements for industry outreach, by promoting security as a corporate responsibility and raising awareness in the nuclear industry and industries using radioactive sources by means of facilitated workshops, training and best practice guides to security implementation.