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2. The Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Group of Experts to the 1540 Committee, the Caribbean Community, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Customs Organization, the World Health Organization; government officials from Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and Romania; and civil society organisations the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre attended as observers and speakers.

3. The parliamentarians held constructive discussions on United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004) and on its relevance to the Pacific Region.

4. The parliamentarians acknowledged the crucial role of parliamentarians in supporting implementation of UNSCR 1540 through their legislative, oversight, budgetary and representation functions and in being champions for the resolution within their States.

5. The parliamentarians highlighted the synergies between UNSCR 1540 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and recognized the value of UNSCR 1540 implementation in achieving relevant actions under the Boe Declaration on regional security and other regional and global priorities for sustainable development, health, safety and security.

6. The parliamentarians acknowledged the value in contextualizing the approach to fulfilling obligations under the resolution in the Pacific due to state specificities, and emphasized the benefits in maximizing efficiencies and strengthening existing governance and enforcement structures and legislative frameworks in implementing UNSCR 1540.

7. The parliamentarians agreed on the need for further dialogue and parliamentary engagement at the regional level on issues related to UNSCR 1540, and on the need to further build parliamentary capacity to carry out their functions in the context of the resolution.

8. The parliamentarians expressed their desire that the IPU will continue to promote and support parliamentary engagement on and build capacity for cooperation with UNSCR 1540 in the Pacific region.

9. The parliamentarians welcome the possibility to engage with regional governance structures, including the regional coordination mechanism for the Boe Declaration, on implementation of UNSCR 1540.