



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 May 2014

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter to Member States from the Facilitator of intergovernmental consultations on the outcome of the Fourth Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, H.E. Mr. Yalit Cevik, Permanent Representative of Turkey, transmitting a paper on “Possible Elements of a Resolution on the Fourth Biennial Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy”.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

To all Permanent Representatives  
And Permanent Observers to the  
United Nations

PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK

*Ambassador*

13 May 2014

Excellency,

In my capacity as the Facilitator of the Fourth Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review which will take place on 12-13 June 2014, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a paper on "Possible Elements of a Resolution on the Fourth Biennial Review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy".

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Y. Halit Çevik

Permanent Representative

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New York

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**POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF A RESOLUTION ON THE FOURTH BIENNIAL REVIEW  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY**

The items listed below represent a combination of following elements:

- a) Elements which were addressed in the previous resolution of the General Assembly (A/RES 66/282), (presented in normal font)
- b) New elements which the facilitator's bilateral, regional and organizational meetings, and meeting of the whole have shown are of interest to members states (presented **in bold**)
- c) New elements reflected in Secretary General's report (A/68/841) (presented **in bold**)

Preambular:

- reaffirmation of the Strategy and pivotal role of the GA in implementation and updating the Strategy
- renewing unwavering commitment to combat terrorism
- **Calling for concerted efforts on addressing conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism**
- noting the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Center (UNCCT) **and acknowledging the role of UNCCT and welcoming its activities in support of CTITF and implementation of the Strategy.**
- affirmation of the role of the GA in combating terrorism
- recognition that international cooperation to combat terrorism must respect international law, including the Charter and purposes and principles thereof, and reference to international conventions and some specific aspects of international law (human rights law, refugee law, international humanitarian law)
- importance of enhancing the role of UN and specialized agencies, within their mandates, in implementing the strategy
- underlining the fact that CTITF should continue to carry out its activities, within its mandate, with policy guidance from Members States through regular interaction with the GA.
- Recognition of the role that victims of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations can play, including in countering the appeal of terrorism. Emphasizing the need to promote international solidarity in support of victims of terrorism and ensure that victims of terrorism are treated with dignity and respect.

Operative:

- reiteration of strong condemnation of terrorism, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes.
- reaffirmation of the UN Global Strategy and its four pillars as an ongoing effort, and calling on member states and organizations to step up efforts to implement the Strategy in an integrated and balanced manner.
- noting of the Secretary General's report **and welcoming the new summary matrix of counter-terrorism projects implemented by the UN entities around the world**
- noting of the measures adopted by member states and relevant organizations as outlined in the SG's report
- reaffirmation of the primary responsibility of Member States to implement the strategy, while recognizing the important role played by the United Nations, through the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, including in coordination with other international organizations, in facilitating the implementation of the Strategy and in providing assistance in the area of capacity building
- affirmation of the importance of the integrated and balanced implementation of all four pillars in the Strategy,
- **stressing significance of holistic and uniform approach in fight against terrorism, including by stronger efforts to address conditions conducive to terrorism**
- recognition that the principal responsibility of Member States to implement the Strategy,
- encouragement of civil society and non-governmental organizations to work to enhance the implementation of the Strategy
- calling upon Member States and UN entities involved in supporting counter-terrorism efforts to promote and protect human rights, fundamental freedoms, and rule of law as essential for all the components of the Strategy while countering terrorism
- **affirming the obligations of States to ensure that any measures taken or means employed to counter terrorism, including the use of remotely piloted aircraft, comply with their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, human rights law and international humanitarian law, in particular the principles of distinction and proportionality**

- **calling upon Member States to safeguard the right to privacy in accordance with international law while countering terrorism**
- recognizing the work done by UN and other organizations aimed at supporting, recognizing and protecting the right of victims of terrorism, and urging them to provide technical assistance for building capacity of Member States regarding program assistance and support for victims of terrorism
- **supporting the implementation of national and regional counter-terrorism strategies**
- calling upon states to become parties to existing international conventions and protocols against terrorism, to complete the comprehensive convention on international terrorism, and recalling the commitment of states to fulfill GA at SC resolutions against terrorism
- expressing appreciation of the contribution of UN entities and subsidiary bodies of the UNSC to the CTITF
- underlining the importance of greater cooperation among UN entities in combating terrorism, and of the work of the CTITF of ensuring coordination **and coherence** in the work of the UN system in that regard.
- recognition of the continued need to enhance the visibility and effectiveness of the UN counter-terrorism activities and ensuring greater cooperation, coordination and coherence among UN entities
- **welcoming the recent UN efforts to strengthen coordination and coherence through a three-pronged approach implemented by the CTITF Office as indicated in the Secretary - General's report**
- reaffirmation of the need for enhanced dialogue among the counter-terrorism officials of Member States to promote cooperation and wider dissemination of the knowledge of the Strategy
- **underlining the importance of cooperation among international, regional and sub-regional organizations in combating terrorism**
- **reaching out to individuals with the aim of their involvement in countering terrorism efforts and raising counter-terrorism awareness**
- recognizing the role of the regional organizations, structures and strategies in combating terrorism and encouraging them to consider best practices developed in fight against terrorism **and in that regard reference to contribution of several entities (such as Global Counter Terrorism Forum, Hedayah Center, Global Center on Cooperative Security)**
- **noting the importance of women to the balanced implementation of the Strategy**

- emphasizing importance of tolerance and dialogue among civilization and the enhancement of interfaith and intercultural understanding in combatting terrorism
- **affirming the commitment of Member States to implement measures to address root causes and conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism such as preventing and resolving conflicts, encouraging economic development, reducing social exclusion and marginalization, and fostering understanding among peoples of varied religions and cultures through dialogue. Stressing the effectiveness of these tools for countering the appeal of terrorism**
- **stressing the importance of countering violent extremism and incitement to terrorism**
- **noting the nexus between counter-terrorism and development in light of the post 2015 development agenda**
- expressing concern at the increasing use of new information and communication technologies by the perpetrators of terrorist acts
- **considering measures to prevent misuse of new communication and information technologies (internet, smart phones, social networks etc.) by terrorist groups and as weapon for radicalization and recruitments**
- expressing concern at the increase in incidents of kidnapping and hostage taking with the aim of raising funds or gaining political concessions
- **expressing the need to combat the increase in incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking with the aim of raising funds or gaining political concessions, and underlining that payment of ransoms to terrorists fuels their operations and creates a vicious cycle of more kidnappings**
- **stressing the role of the United Nations in strengthening the criminal justice capacity of Member States and security sector reform**
- **Stressing importance of keeping the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy as a relevant and contemporary working document in light of emerging new threats and trends of development**
- **addressing the new phenomenon of “foreign fighters”/ foreign recruits travelling from their home countries to abroad to fight with terrorist groups**
- **welcome the projects being implemented by UNCCT to support the implementation of the UN Counter-Terrorism Strategy and encourage all Member States to collaborate**

with the UNCCT and to contribute to the implementation of its activities within and through the CTITF

- taking note of activities of United Nations entities, including CTITF, in area of capacity building and encouraging the CTITF to ensure focused delivery of capacity-building assistance, including in the framework of the I-ACT initiative.
- **stressing the significance of measures aimed at prevention of terrorism**
- recognition of the need to continue to take measures to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorism and to help Member States, upon their request, to fully implement their respective international obligations to combat the financing of terrorism
- **expressing concern at threats posed by increasing incidents of individual radicalization**
- **stressing importance of finalizing the process of the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT)**
- calling for the enhanced engagement of Member States with the work of the CTITF
- requesting the CTITF to continue its positive effort in interacting with Member States, and further requesting the CTITF to provide quarterly briefing and provide a periodic work plan (and calendar of meetings) for the Task Force , including UNCCT
- underlining the importance of enhancing counter-terrorism efforts undertaken by all relevant UN agencies and bodies and encouraging the CTITF to continue collaboration with those agencies and bodies
- **stressing the role of United Nations Security Council sanction regime in combatting terrorism**
- **consideration of the shared use of regionally-based focal points by CTED and experts of 1267 and 1540 Committees in carrying out their mandated activities, in line with the Security Council resolution 2129(2013)**
- **expressing concern to the abuse of non-profit organizations for the purpose of financing terrorism**
- **considering terrorism expert assistance to Peace Keeping Operations and UN Special Political Missions**
- **ensuring sustained resources for the CTITF Office and entities for providing assistance in the implementation of the Strategy**

- **referring to links between terrorism and other forms of organized crime**
- **requesting the Secretary-General to submit to the GA at its seventieth session a special report on progress made in the implementation of the Strategy since its adoption in September 2006**
- **possibility to review the cycle of biannual review of the Strategy**
- **deciding on including the next review of the Strategy in the agenda of the 70<sup>th</sup> session of the UNGA.**