

**COMMUNIQUE
OF THE 7th MEETING OF HEADS OF SPECIAL SERVICES, SECURITY
AGENCIES, AND LAW-ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The 7th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies, and Law-Enforcement Organizations dedicated to counterterrorism matters was held on 27-28 March 2008 in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russian Federation. 76 delegations from 54 national states, representatives of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and the Anti-Terrorism Center of the Commonwealth of Independent States participated in the Meeting's work.

The participants of the Meeting reaffirmed their commitment to the Global Counterterrorism Strategy as well as determination to strengthen the pivotal and coordinating role of the United Nations Organization in combating terrorism.

During the present forum the topic of the anti-terrorist security of critical infrastructures had further been elaborated. In particular, the issues of ensuring transportation security were in the focus of attention of the Meeting's participants. The increased terrorist threat to the potentially vulnerable transport facilities, above all civil aviation, underground rapid transit systems, and means of explosive cargoes, nuclear and chemical hazardous materials delivery necessitates further improvement and expanding the scope of cooperation.

The Meeting's participants came to a general agreement that co-operation among security / intelligence and financial control agencies in terms of developing the efficient mechanisms of identification and disruption of the channels of international terrorist organizations financing is an important tasks of counterterrorism.

In the course of the present forum the matters of global information security had been addressed. The Meeting's participants stated their special concern with regard to newly-emerging challenges and threats brought about by the possible unlawful use of information / communication technologies,

specifically the Internet, pointing out the urgent necessity of elaborating internationally coordinated approaches to this particular issue.

Within the context of the information sharing improvement the matters related to practical access to the unclassified segment of the International Counterterrorism Database, the data transfer and protection procedures as well as further stirring up the efforts to develop a universal anti-terrorist informational environment were discussed.

Additionally to that, the Meeting's participants have shared their respective national experiences of countering terrorism and extremism, including in the aspect of security provision of major public events.

The Meeting's participants have agreed that the practice of employing the Meeting-developed scheme of multilateral anti-terrorist co-ordination among security/intelligence agencies shall be continued during the course of the 2008 Olympic Games in the People's Republic of China, and the UEFA Championships to be hosted by Switzerland/Austria in June 2008 and Poland /Ukraine in 2012.

The Meeting's participants stated their interest in the development of a real-time information sharing mechanism among counterterrorist agencies of all the states concerned. The Meeting's Working Group was correspondingly tasked to that effect.

The arrangements regarding the 8th Meeting was made. The corresponding venue, timing, and working agenda shall further be agreed in accordance with the established procedure.