

**Joint intervention on the work of and the cooperation between
the Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267, 1373 and 1540
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Mr. President,

On behalf of the Chairmen of the three subsidiary bodies of the Security Council established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004) which deal with the issue of terrorism, I would like to make some introductory remarks on the work of and the cooperation between these committees.

Terrorism remains one of the biggest threats to international peace and security and the cooperation of all is more than ever necessary. Even though the mandates differ in content and character, we strive to work closely together, directly as well as through our respective expert groups.

In our complementary efforts to reach out to the Member States, the three Committees and associated expert groups have worked together and jointly participated in visits to States. To-date, the experts of the 1267 Committee's Monitoring Team and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) have carried out eight visits to States namely to Tanzania, Nigeria, the Philippines and India in 2006, as well as Turkey, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2007. The three expert groups also systematically exchange their trip reports, as appropriate, with each other so as to derive common benefit from the information gathered during those trips. These include requests for technical assistance and other requests made by States. In addition, based on concerns expressed by Member States, a common strategy paper to assist the non- and late-reporting States was jointly drafted by the three expert groups. The strategy, approved by the three Committees, is currently being jointly implemented through the organization of several reporting workshops in cooperation with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). A first workshop was held in Dakar, Senegal, at the end of September for West and Central African States. Another one is scheduled at the end of this month in Gaborone, Botswana, for the Southern African States. A third one should take place in the first half of 2008 for the Northern and Eastern African States. Progress has already been achieved as new reports have already been submitted to the three Committees since the adoption of this common strategy.

Mr. President,

Our cooperation with each other extends further. We continue to urge our three expert groups to share information and their analyses, as appropriate, of the efforts by Member States to implement their obligations under the relevant Security Council resolutions dealing with counter-terrorism. We also encourage our experts to work closely together as they develop their relationships with other organizations; both international and other intergovernmental organizations, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), INTERPOL, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the World Customs Organization (WCO), as well as regional and sub-regional organizations, such as the African Union (AU), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the European Union (EU), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF). The three expert groups are also cooperating within the framework of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) established to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system, in particular in the context of the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Mr President,

The primary responsibility of implementing the obligations under the relevant Security Council resolutions is vested in Member States, and our interaction with the Member States is essential. The efforts of the three committees can only be as effective as Member States will collectively enable them to be.

Mr. President,

The Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267, 1373 and 1540 as well as their respective expert groups remain committed within their respective mandates to eliminate terrorism and are convinced that their work contributes to the overall UN and international efforts in assisting States to fully implement the respective resolutions.

I thank you Mr. President.
