Counter-Terrorism Leadership

- USG Voronkov exchanged views with the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Tijani Muhammad-Bande, on the outcomes of the UNGA74 High-Level Week, Member States’ counter-terrorism priorities, the 2020 Review of the UN Global CT Strategy and the High-Level CT Week (7 October, New York).

- USG Voronkov held high-level consultations with a delegation from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), headed by Assistant Secretary-General Abdel Aziz Aluwaisheng, to discuss common counter-terrorism priorities and explore areas of cooperation. (8 October, New York)

- USG Voronkov met with a delegation from the European Parliament to discuss UN-EU priorities and common efforts to strengthen parliamentary action against terrorism. (8 October, New York)

- USG Voronkov, leading a UN delegation that also included the heads of CTED, Ms. Coninsx, and the ISIL/AQ Monitoring Team, Mr. Fitton-Brown, called for increasing innovative and pragmatic counter-terrorism cooperation at the XVIII Meeting of Heads of Special Services (17 October, Sochi).

- On the margins of ICAO General Assembly, USG Voronkov and Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of ICAO, hosted a high-level breakfast meeting focused on the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. (2 October, Montreal)

- UNCT participated at a senior level in the 5th Ministerial Meeting of the EU Internet Forum. Participants called for international cooperation on initiatives such as the UNCT co-organized Leaders’ Dialogue, “Tech Against Terrorism”, the GIFT Content Incident Protocol and the new EU Crisis Protocol to counter terrorist misuse of Internet. (7 October, Luxembourg)

Highlights

- At the 3rd quarterly briefing to Member States, USG Voronkov and UNCT senior managers briefed on the priorities and concerns highlighted by Member States during UNGA74 High-Level Week, the Office’s activities and upcoming events. The Permanent Representatives of Belarus, Hungary and the UAE also briefed on past and upcoming High-Level Regional Conferences. (23 October, New York)

- Chaired by USG Voronkov, the 4th meeting of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee discussed preparations for the 2020 UN High-Level CT Week, and challenges related to foreign terrorist fighters and their dependents. The Committee was also briefed by the chairs of the 8 Working Groups on their programme of work. (30 October, New York)

- UNCT, in collaboration with OICT and the UN Technology Innovations Lab, launched its Cybersecurity Challenge to engage youth in finding creative solutions to counter digital terrorism. (28 October, Vienna)

Capacity Building

- Since January 2019: 1,926 individuals trained
- 57 workshops organized
- In the 3rd Quarter of 2019: 60 Member States across 6 regions & sub-regions

UNCT in partnership with:
- UNICRI jointly held an Expert Workshop to review and validate risk scenarios related to WMD terrorism threats. (15-16 October, Geneva).
- Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG), convened a sub-regional dialogue for East African countries on the implementation of the ESAAMLG regional CFT operational plan (28 October, Istanbul).
- UNODC organized a Central Asia regional workshop for 32 participants on the Prevention of Child Recruitment and Exploitation as well as the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Children Recruited and Exploited by Terrorist or Violent Extremist Groups. (15-18 October, Almaty)
- IOM delivered a training to border officials from 9 Southeast Asian countries to share good practices and techniques on strengthening national and regional cooperation and enhancing capacities to counter terrorism and transnational organized crime. (16-18 October, Bangkok)

SPID - UNCT Special Projects and Innovation Division

- The CT Travel Programme held consultations with representatives from the National Counter-Terrorism Committee of Mongolia, agencies and ministries to identify needs for UN assistance. (7-8 October, Ulaanbaatar)

- At the meeting of the Group of Friends of Sport for Development and Peace, USG Voronkov presented UNCT’s programme on strengthening the security of sports events. He also met with the Secretary-General of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee to discuss areas of cooperation. (22, 24 October, New York)

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UN Global CT Strategy

Pillar I
Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

Pillar II
Preventing and combating terrorism

Pillar III
Building States’ capacity and strengthening the role of the UN

Pillar IV
Ensuring human rights and the rule of law

UNOCT Mandate

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has 5 functions:

- Provide leadership on the GA counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the UN system;
- Enhance coordination and coherence across the 38 Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global CT Strategy;
- Strengthen delivery of UN counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States;
- Improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for UN counter-terrorism efforts;
- Ensure that due priority is given to counter-terrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy.

To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 42 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. It operates through its Coordination Committee and 8 thematic Inter-Agency Working Groups, which were revitalized in April 2019, providing an “All-of-UN approach” to the system’s work on counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism, as conducive to terrorism.

The Office provides most of its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), which was established by an initial contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund in 2011. UNCCT has an Advisory Board composed of 21 Member States plus the European Union (EU) as a Guest Member.

Top Contributors to the Trust Fund

The Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism has received funding of $228.2 million and $11.5 million in in-kind contributions since inception in 2009 to the end of October 2019. Overall top donors to date:

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- Japan
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Kingdom of the Netherlands
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

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