



UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM

A New Approach to Coordinate the United Nations Work on Counter-Terrorism

New York, 16 April 2019 – Today, the United Nations launched a new system to coordinate the counter-terrorism work. The Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee approved the terms of reference and initial work plans of the eight new inter-agency working groups that will operationalize, under the Compact’s umbrella, enhanced coordination and coherence of UN counter-terrorism efforts with a view to achieve concrete impact on the ground.

The Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact is an agreement between the UN Secretary-General and 36 UN entities plus the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the World Customs Organization (WCO). It was developed by Secretary-General Guterres as part of his reform of the UN counter-terrorism architecture and is the largest coordination framework at the United Nations.

“The Global Counter-Terrorism Compact is a shared commitment and a shared responsibility. There are high expectations among Member States that we demonstrate coordination and coherence in action, with impact” said the UN Under-Secretary-General for Counter-terrorism, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, who Chairs the UN Global Compact Coordination Committee on behalf of the Secretary-General. The Committee, which oversees the implementation of the Compact and monitors its implementation, includes a representative of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the chairs and vice-chairs of the new eight Global Compact Working Groups, as well as representatives of other Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities. The UN Office of Counter-Terrorism serves as a Secretariat to the Committee.

In the meeting, Mr. Voronkov announced that the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), which the Secretary-General created in 2017 to provide leadership and coordinate UN counter-terrorism efforts, would provide catalytic funding in support of joint projects undertaken by the new Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Working Groups.

These Working Groups are tasked to enhance timely information-sharing, joint programming and resource mobilization efforts, to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts and enhance synergies. Through these Working Groups, the United Nations will increase the impact of its work on the ground to promote and support the balanced and comprehensive implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, as well as other relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly and Security Council by Member States.

The eight Working Groups focus, respectively, on: (i) criminal justice, legal responses and countering the financing of terrorism; (ii) border management and law enforcement relating to counter-terrorism; (iii) emerging threats and critical infrastructure protection; (iv) national and regional counter-terrorism strategies; (v) preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism; (vi) promoting and protecting human rights and the rule of law while countering terrorism and supporting victims of terrorism; (vii) adopting a gender sensitive approach to preventing and countering terrorism; and (viii) mobilizing resources for UN counter-terrorism efforts, and monitoring and evaluation.

The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact replaced in 2018 the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), which was established in 2005.