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Senior Central Asian Officials exchanged good practices for effective border security and management in Dushanbe

Dushanbe, 8 August 2019 – Senior government officials responsible for border security and management, counter-terrorism, and intelligence matters, of all Central Asian States, Afghanistan and Mongolia concluded in Dushanbe today a three-day training to enhance understanding and knowledge of good practices for effective border security and management as a means of countering terrorism in the region.

The event was jointly organized by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre within the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT/UNCCT) and the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA).

During the three-day training exercise the representatives of the five Central Asian States, Afghanistan and Mongolia were acquainted with the latest international practice regarding travel document security, risk assessment and risk management, intelligent cycles and other border related issues. Broader global and regional counter-terrorism context was also presented to the participants by UNOCT/UNCCT, UNRCCA, UNODC, IOM and OSCE experts.

UNOCT/UNCCT's Programme Manager, Christine Bradley, stressed that "strengthening States' border security and management capacities, including through enhanced regional cooperation and coordination, will enable the implementation of more effective and efficient strategies and measures to combat transnational organized crime and counter terrorism."

The training also contributed to the enhanced cooperation and interaction among the Central Asian States, Afghanistan, Mongolia, the UN and the OSCE in the implementation of the Joint Plan of Action for the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia.

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Background

Mandated by the General Assembly, the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) was established in June 2017 to provide leadership to the implementation of General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates,

to enhance coordination and coherence, and to strengthen the delivery of the United Nations counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States. Mr. Vladimir Voronkov was appointed as Under-Secretary-General of the Office on 21 June 2017.

UNOCT provides most of its capacity-building support to Member States, international, regional and subregional organizations, and the UN system, through the **United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**. UNCCT was established in 2011 through a generous contribution from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to the Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism.