Counter-Terrorism Leadership

- USG Voronkov updated Member States on UNOCT priorities and initiatives as well as UNOCT projects at the Quarterly Briefing with Global CT Compact entities (6 May).
- UNOCT Director Khan addressed the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism emphasizing the importance of strengthening CT cooperation between the UN and the Organization of American States (23 May).
- On behalf of USG Voronkov, UNOCT Chief of Office Ms. Alirzayeva participated in the event "Youth Engagement & Vocational Training" in Baku and launched an online survey on Twitter as part of its Global Youth Programme (3 May).

High-Level Regional Conference

- The Dushanbe Conference took place on 16-17 May. It was organized by Tajikistan in cooperation with the UN (UNOCT and UNRCCA), the EU and the OSCE. USG Voronkov launched the "Dushanbe process on Countering Terrorism and its Financing in Central Asia" to institutionalize intra-regional dialogue and support the implementation of the Dushanbe Declaration.
- Mr. Voronkov also visited the Tajik border with Afghanistan. He exchanged views with Tajik authorities on technical assistance needs, particularly regarding border security.

Highlights

- On 7 May and in the presence of the Secretary-General, UNOCT launched the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. This new flagship initiative aimed at improving the tracking of suspected terrorists, using state-of-the-art software, will be implemented in partnership with CTED, ICAO, OICT and UNODC.

Capacity Building

- Launching the 2018 UNOCT Annual Report, USG Voronkov told the UNOCT Advisory Board that in 2018, the UNOCT annual expenditure increased to $17.6 million representing a growth of 66% compared to 2017 demonstrating a continued upward trend in delivering capacity-building assistance.
- In close cooperation with the G5 Sahel Permanent Secretariat, UNOCT developed a handbook of "good practices in community resilience to radicalization and violent extremism in the G5 Sahel," under the project aimed at supporting regional efforts of the G5 Sahel countries to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism (PVE) thanks to the UN Peace and Development Trust fund. In 2018-2019, UNOCT provided capacity-building support to 71 Member States.
- UNOCT and UNDP conducted a joint workshop on PVE through Strategic Communications focusing on capacity-building for civil society organizations in Jordan.
- UNOCT through the Border Security and Management Programme held a training in Nairobi, Kenya at the national level, to build capacity of frontline officers addressing threats posed by foreign terrorist fighters.

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To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 36 UN entities, plus INTERPOL and the WCO, 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.