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UNOCT AND THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY OF ARGENTINA SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN CO-OPERATION IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING TERRORIST TRAVEL

New York, 12 November 2024 – The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Ministry of Security of the Republic of Argentina formalized their partnership in preventing and countering terrorism and its nexus with transnational organized crime through the signing of a Letter of Agreement (LoA) to strengthen cooperation against terrorist travel.

The LoA will accelerate the delivery of technical assistance to the Ministry of Security of Argentina under the [United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel \('CT Travel'\) Programme](#), strengthening national capacities and supporting efforts to detect and address threats, as well as providing a framework to cooperate, leverage respective expertise, and share best practices, challenges, lessons learned and recommendations with regard to the implementation of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems.

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, and Ms. Patricia Bullrich, Minister of Security of the Republic of Argentina, signed the agreement during an in-person ceremony that took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, followed by a bilateral meeting.

Mr. Voronkov thanked the Minister of Security of the Republic of Argentina for its strong commitment with the implementation of the CT Travel Programme and highlighted that the LoA *"marks the beginning of what we hope will be a strong cooperation and mutual commitment between the Ministry of Security of the Republic of Argentina and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism under the framework of the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, which will work to reinforce Argentina's counter-terrorism capabilities using passenger data"*.

Ms. Patricia Bullrich expressed gratitude for the support of the United Nations and highlighted that "The prevention and fight against international terrorism is a high priority for the Republic of Argentina, especially after experiencing two attacks in the 1990s. We now look forward to enhancing our capabilities with the help of this program."

The effective processing and analysis of passenger data is essential to the identification, detection, and interception of those who pose a terrorism-related threat as well as other serious criminals, including those that might be unknown to authorities, before, during and after travel. Within the framework of this agreement, UNOCT and Argentina will cooperate on capacity-building activities to strengthen national capabilities in line with requirements established by United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding the collection, processing, and safeguarding of API and PNR data, as well as international standards and recommended practices, and human rights principles, particularly those relating to privacy and data protection.

The LoA outlines the provision of assistance to the Ministry of Security of the Republic of Argentina to implement a programmatic roadmap to support the implementation and use of the United Nations 'goTravel' technology in compliance with international law. As a beneficiary of the CT Travel Programme, Argentina is being supported across four key pillars of work, which include:

1. The development of necessary legislative frameworks regulating the collection, transmission, use, retention and sharing of passenger data, in compliance with internationally recognized standards;
2. The institutional set-up and development of operational capacity of the Argentina's national API and PNR system, also known as a Passenger Information Unit;
3. Engagement and cooperation with the transport industry to ensure technical connectivity; and
4. Technology support, including the licensing and deployment of the United Nations' specialized 'goTravel' software system and interoperability with national watchlists and international databases, including those of INTERPOL.

The [UN Countering Terrorist Travel \('CT Travel'\)](#) was launched in 2019 to support Member States respond to the growing threat posed by the movement of foreign terrorist fighters. The Programme is a global initiative that aims to build Member States capacities to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist offences and other serious crimes, including their related travel, by collecting and analyzing passenger data, both API and PNR, in line with United Nations Security Council resolutions, (2014) [2178](#) (2014), [2396](#) (2017), and [2482](#) (2019), international standards and best practices and human rights principles. [2396](#) (2017), and [2482](#) (2019), international standards and best practices and human rights principles.

This flagship global initiative is led by the [United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism \(UNOCT\)](#), the Programme follows an "One-UN" approach to provide comprehensive, yet tailored assistance to beneficiary Member States, with the support and expertise of six implementing partners: [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate \(CTED\)](#), the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#), the [United Nations Office of Information and Communication Technology \(OICT\)](#), the [International Criminal Police Organization \(INTERPOL\)](#), and the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#). The Programme is working closely with 82 Member States, 61 are beneficiaries of the comprehensive technical assistance, six (6) Member States (Austria, Belgium, France, Hungary, Ireland, and the United States of America), and one (1) regional organization (CARICOM on behalf of 15 countries) have become strategic partners.



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