

PRESS RELEASE

UNOCT AND THE PHILIPPINES CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF THE UN ‘GOTRAVEL’ SOFTWARE TO DETECT AND PREVENT THE TRAVEL OF TERRORISTS

Manila, 20 March 2025 – Today, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel ('CT Travel') Programme, of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) launched the United Nations'-owned '*goTravel*' software solution live.

Aimed at enhancing national border management capabilities, the '*goTravel*' software solution supports law enforcement with the end-to-end processing of passenger data. This software is a key tool to enable authorities to detect and prevent the travel of known and suspected terrorists and other serious criminals, while safeguarding privacy and data protection.

During the event, the Government of The Philippines announced that '*goTravel*' is now in full production, enabling immigration authorities to obtain passenger data from air carriers, to conduct targeted screening and analysis, and to transmit findings to the relevant competent authorities for follow-up action.

Since June 2021, The Philippines has partnered with the United Nations 'CT Travel' Programme to establish a national Advance Passenger Information system and strengthen capabilities to detect and prevent the travel of foreign terrorist fighters and individuals affiliated with organized crime groups. This cooperation was spearheaded with the leadership of the Department of Justice and Bureau of Immigration and made possible with the financial support from the Government of Australia.

Representing his Government, Ret. Chief Justice Executive Secretary Honorary, Lucas Bersamin stressed that the Philippines values its partnerships with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and the Government of Australia, which have been instrumental in making this program possible. *"This is an example of how security challenges can be tackled more effectively through cooperation rather than isolation,"* he added.

Ms. Christine Bradley, Chief of the Countering Terrorist Travel Section, UNOCT, noted that *"Today's achievement is a testament to several years of collaboration, commitment, and shared determination to enhance national security to ensure safe and efficient travel."*

In her opening remarks, Australian Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. HK Yu noted, *"Today, we mark the official launch of the Philippines' Advance Passenger Information System, which enables the live activation of air passenger data through goTravel. Australia is honoured to be a key partner in supporting this transformative initiative, through Australia's Department of Home Affairs, working hand in hand with our Philippine counterparts and the UNOCT to enhance security, improve information-sharing, and build more robust, well-protected borders."*

With the launch of the software, The Philippines is now the seventh Member State and the first country in the ASEAN Community- to deploy and go live using 'goTravel'. This represents a significant milestone for national, regional, and global efforts in implementing United Nations Security Council resolutions, and aligning with international standards and recommended practices, and human rights principles.

Background on CT Travel

The [United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel \('CT Travel'\) Programme](#), a flagship global initiative of the [United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism \(UNOCT\)](#), provides assistance to beneficiary Member States in building their capabilities to detect and counter terrorism and serious crimes by using Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data. In accordance with Security Council resolutions [2178](#) (2014), [2396](#) (2017), and [2482](#) (2019), international standards, recommended practices and human rights principles, the programme aims to improve the use of international databases with known and suspected terrorists and criminals, and enhance international information exchange.

Through a "One-UN" partnership with the [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate \(CTED\)](#), the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), the [United Nations Office of Information and Communications Technology \(OICT\)](#), the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#), the [International Criminal Police Organization \(INTERPOL\)](#), and the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#), the programme provides a comprehensive, yet tailored assistance to beneficiary Member States in critical areas including legislative, operational, transport industry engagement, and technology. The donation and deployment of the United Nations 'goTravel' software system is part of the support package. The Programme has been designed in accordance with relevant human rights principles and United Nations policies.



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