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PROGRAMME

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EDUCATION AS A TOOL FOR PREVENTION, PEACEBUILDING
AND EMPOWERMENT OF VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

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Tuesday, 8 October 2024 Auditorium María de Maeztu	
9:00-10:00	Welcome of Participants & Registration (Registration desk will also be open at Palacio Europa on Monday, 7 October, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM)
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	Opening session
10:05-10:08	Introduction by Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Susheel Gupta
10:09-10:15	Welcome remarks by the Mayor of Vitoria-Gasteiz, Ms. Maider Etxebarria García
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	PANEL 1 Voices of resilience: victims of terrorism as peace advocates and educators
10:15-11:30	<i>This panel will delve into the pivotal role that victims of terrorism can play as agents of change and peace educators, and how their voices can help raise awareness of the human consequences of terrorism and violent extremism</i>
	Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ana Izar, Head of the Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme at the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Merlie “Milet” B. Mendoza, Humanitarian, Peace & Development Worker and Volunteer, Victim of Terrorism, Philippines Mr. Juan Francisco Benito Valenciano, President, Fundación Victims of Terrorism, Spain Mr. Clifford Chanin, Executive Vice-President & Director, 9/11 Memorial Museum, United States of America Ms. Ana Evans, Advocate for Peace Education, Protection and Support of Child Victims of Terrorism, Argentina Ms. Roula Helou, President, Lebanese Association of Victims of Terrorism (AVT-L), Lebanon (via live video)
	Questions and Observations from the Floor <i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i>

11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	PANEL 2 Institutional action to ensure victims and survivors are granted their rights and supported in their needs
12:15-13:30	<i>This panel will focus on the crucial role of institutional action in guaranteeing that victims and survivors of terrorism receive the necessary support and have their rights upheld by government institutions</i>
	Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Montserrat Torija Noguerales, Director General, Victims of Terrorism Unit, Ministry of Interior, Spain
	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Susilaningtias, Deputy Chair/Commissioner, Witness and Victim Protection Agency (LPSK), Indonesia Mr. Ulrich Garms, Programme Manager, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Mr. Hasan Alaraji, Victim of Terrorism, President of Iraqi Human Rights Defenders Association, Iraq (via live video) Ms. Zenaida Machado, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch Ms. Maya Shah, Director of Operations, Global Survivors Fund
	Questions and Observations from the Floor <i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i>
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	High-Level Segment
14:35-16:30	Introductory Remarks Mr. Mauro Miedico , Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
	Opening Statement Statement by H.E. Mr. Salih Husain Ali , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq to Spain and Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Fuad Hussein, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Iraq

Ministerial Statements

- **H.E. Ms. Victoria Eugenia Villarruel**, Vice-President of Argentina
- **H.E. Mr. Javier Martínez-Acha Vásquez**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama
- **H.E. Ms. Josefina Vidal Ferreiro**, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba
- **H.E. Sevim Sayım Madak**, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye
- **H.E. Mr. Péter Sztáray**, State Secretary for Security Policy of Hungary

Heads of UN Entities

- **Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, High Representative, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- **Mr. Volker Türk**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (via pre-recorded message)
- **Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (via live video)

Eminent Speakers

- **H.E. Joan Antoni León Peso**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice and Interior, Andorra
- **H.E. Mr. Sos Avetisyan**, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to Spain
- **H.E. Ms. Rosemary Morris-Castico**, Ambassador of Australia to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Mohammad Sarwar Mahmood**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Yao Jing**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Dinesh Patnaik**, Ambassador of India to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Zahoor Ahmed**, Ambassador of Pakistan to Spain
- **H. E. Mr. Robert Krmelj**, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Hasan Alagla**, Chief, Department of Human Rights, Presidency of State Security, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Ms. Alexandra Louis**, Interministerial Delegate for Victim Support, France
- **Hon. Rita Superman**, Rapporteur on Counter-Terrorism, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

	Statement by Mr. Ben Saul , Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (via pre-recorded video)
16:30-17:00	Interlude
17:15-18:00	<p>Basque Traditional Welcome Dance “Auresku”</p> <p>Call to Action by Victims and Survivors of Terrorism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nidhi Chaphekar (India) • Mr. Parfait Kari Wadjoré (Cameroon) • Ms. Julie Wallace (Australia) • Mr. Ashraf Al-Khaled (Jordan) • Ms. Nancy Valle (Chile) <p>High-Level Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (via live video) • H.E. Mr. Fernando Grande-Marlaska Gómez, Minister of the Interior, Kingdom of Spain • H.E. Mr. José Manuel Albares Bueno, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain • Mr. Imanol Pradales, President of the Basque Government <p>Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Majesty, King Felipe VI of Spain
18:00	End of Programme
18:15	Welcome Reception

Wednesday 9 October 2024 Auditorium María de Maeztu	
9:30-10:00	Welcome by Master of Ceremonies Susheel Gupta
10:00-11:00	Side Event Programming (for timing and location please consult the Conference App)
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:30	Side Event Programming (for timing and location please consult the Conference App)
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	PANEL 3 Nurturing resilience and social cohesion in the aftermath of terrorism: the role of civil society and grassroots initiatives
14:35-15:50	<i>This panel will explore the vital role of civil society organizations, including victims' associations, in fostering peace and resilience in societies affected by terrorism</i>
	Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Basile Ema Ebédé, Country Manager, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund
	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Fatima Ali Haider, Victim of Terrorism, Co-Founder of The Grief Directory, Pakistan Mr. Hassan Ndugwa, Victim of Terrorism, Executive Director, Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum, Uganda Ms. Allyn "Aliya" Danzeisen, National Coordinator, Islamic Women Council Team, New Zealand Mr. Georges Salines, Victim of Terrorism, Peace Activist and Author, Board Member, Association Française des Victimes du Terrorisme, France Ms. Iye Mangset, Principal Staff Officer, Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, National Counter Terrorism Center, Nigeria

	Questions and Observations from the Floor <i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i>
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	PANEL 4 Empowering youth as peace advocates in the fight against terrorism
	<p><i>This panel will explore the pivotal role of youth and youth victims as advocates for peace and agents of change in communities affected by terrorism. It will explore how empowering young people through education, access to social media, and other technologies and forms of creative expression can enable them to become leaders and powerful voices for peace, resilience, and social justice.</i></p>
	Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Drissa Traoré, Senior Consultant on the Sahel and Projects Coordinator, International Federation for Human Rights, Mali
15:55-17:10	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Yasmine Bouzidi, Victim of Terrorism, Morocco • Ms. Gro Lindstad, Secretary-General, July 22 Support Group, Norway • Mr. Travis Frain, Victim of Terrorism, United Kingdom • Mr. Sarmed Hekmat Al-Salihi, Secretary, Counter-Terrorism Committee, National Security Advisory, Iraq (via live video) • Mr. Khalifah Mwarangi, Victim of Terrorism and Advocate, Kenya
	Questions and Observations from the Floor <i>Three-minute pre-registered interventions</i>
Auditorium: María de Maeztu	Closing Ceremony
17:10-17:25	Closing Remarks Mr. Mauro Miedico , Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
17:30	End of Programme
18:00-20:30	Open doors: Complementary Activities Open to the Public [OPTIONAL]