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For a Future Free From Terrorism: The Role of Human Rights, the Rule of Law and Civil Society Engagement in Effective Counter-Terrorism Efforts

ANNOTATED PROGRAMME

10 May 2022	
9:00 – 11:00	SESSION I: Human Rights and the Rule of Law as the Cornerstone of Effective Counter-Terrorism Efforts (Auditorium 2) Addressing the misuse of counter-terrorism measures by enhancing the integration of the rule of law, human rights, and gender as cross-cutting elements
	Co-Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (4-minutes)• Mr. Nicholas Miller, Senior Legal Adviser, International Center for Not-For-Profit Law (ICNL) (4-minutes)

	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (5-minutes) • Ms. Dilnoza Muratova, Deputy Head of the Human Rights Center, Uzbekistan (5-minutes) • Mr. Edward Flynn, Senior Human Rights Officer, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (5-minutes) • Dr. Mutuma Ruteere, Director, Centre for Human Rights and Policy Studies (CHRIPS), Kenya (5-minutes) • Mr. Tom Parker, UNODC Project Coordinator for Counterterrorism Programming in Nigeria (5-minutes) <p>Key issues to be addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session aims to bring together counter-terrorism, human rights and gender experts to review and discuss human rights related challenges in the field of preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism. • What are the current ways in which counter-terrorism measures have impacted the realization of human rights, including misuse of measures against civil society and human rights defenders? • How are counter-terrorism measures that fail to adhere to human rights and the rule of law and address underlying factors that may be conducive to violent extremism? • What are the challenges at the national level to ensuring an effective human rights, and rule of law-based approach, including gender perspective, in counter-terrorism efforts, and how can we integrate them in counter-terrorism approaches and initiatives to overcome those challenges? • What are the gender dimensions of counter-terrorism efforts, including addressing the threats and violence against women and girls, in line with Security Council resolution 2242 (2015) and 2493 (2019), General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions on terrorism and human rights (e.g., A/RES/74/147), good practices in implementing gender and age sensitive efforts, as well as the need to promote the full and equal participation of women in preventing and countering terrorism? • What are good practices in upholding children's rights in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and other international standards and norms, in terrorism and counter-terrorism contexts, including legislative, judicial and administrative measures, and preventing the stigmatization of children with suspected or perceived links to designated terrorist groups? <p>Questions and observations from the floor (3 minutes max per intervention)</p>
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11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break (Patio Central Main Court)
11:30 – 13:30	SESSION II: Protection of principled humanitarian action (Auditorium 2) Guaranteeing that counter-terrorism measures and sanctions comply with International Humanitarian Law
	Co-Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Stephen Husy, Ambassador at Large for International Counter-Terrorism, Switzerland (4-minutes) • Mr. Hussein Khalid Elkhimdy, Executive Director, HAKI Africa (4-minutes)
	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Eva Svoboda, Deputy Director, International Law and Policy at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) (5-minutes) • Manuel Navarrete, Head of Fusion Centre against Organized Crime and Counter-Terrorism, CITCO, Spain (5-minutes) • Ms. Sanam Naraghi Anderlini, Founder & CEO, International Civil Society Action Network (5-minutes) • Ms. Emma O’Leary, Head of Humanitarian Policy, Norwegian Refugee Council (5-minutes) • Mr. Julien Piacibello, OCHA focal point on counterterrorism (5-minutes)
	Key Issues to be addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the context of counter-terrorism measures, how can principled humanitarian action be safeguarded in the context of counter-terrorism, including through practical steps and good practices in the development and implementation of legislation, policies, measures and operations in a manner that does not impede or undermine principled humanitarian action? • How do broadly conceived or improperly applied counter-terrorism measures negatively impact principled humanitarian action? • What are the drivers for the shrinking humanitarian space; what are the gendered impacts of this shrinkage; and how has the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions exacerbated relevant concerns? • How does shrinking humanitarian space affect broader issues of human rights, gender equality, conflict prevention, as well as hinder sustainable efforts to prevent and counter terrorism? • What is the role of international cooperation in this regard?
	Questions and observations from the floor (Max. 3 minutes per intervention)

13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break (Main Restaurant/Sala Polivalente)
15:00 – 15:30	Opening Ceremony (Auditorium 2)
	Opening Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Ceremony • H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (Video message) • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, United Nations • H.E. Mr. José Manuel Albares Bueno, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation of Spain
	High-Level Ministerial Session (Conference Room 2)
15:45 – 19:00	Chair and Moderator
	Mr. Vladimir Voronkov , Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, United Nations
	Opening Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Video message) (3-minutes) • Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (3-minutes) • Ms. Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans, Executive Director, European Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) (3-minutes)
15:45 – 19:00	<i>Statements by Ministers and others (3-minutes each)</i>
	[A list of speakers is being issued separately. Each speaker will have only 3 minutes to deliver his or her statement.]
	Key Issues to be addressed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of ensuring human rights and rule of law-based and gender responsive counter-terrorism efforts, meaningful, inclusive and safe civil society participation as well as the past and present impediments to achieving these goals. • What is the status of human rights in the current counter-terrorism landscape, including terrorists exploiting human rights-related issues exposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the disruptive political and socio-economic impact of the pandemic, and how has this resulted in new and more diverse terrorist threats, particularly in fragile settings?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are disproportional impacts of these terrorist threats on women and girls, as well as some of the measures to counter them? • What are the three most important next steps for Member States to counter terrorism in compliance with human rights, gender equality and the rule of law? • How can governments, parliamentarians, civil society and other key stakeholders collectively and effectively tackle terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism while ensuring the protection and promotion of human rights and furthering gender equality?
19:30	Cocktail Dinner for Meeting Participants (Patio Central Main Court)

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08:00 – 09:45	SESSION III: Victims and survivors of terrorism (Auditorium 2) Upholding their rights and needs, and paying tribute to them
	Co-Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Montserrat Torija Nogueras, Director General, Support to Victims of Terrorism, Ministry of Interior, Spain (4-minutes) • Mr. James Ndeda, Founder, Association of Victims of Terrorism, Kenya (4-minutes) <p>Launch of the Memories Campaign Film: Ms. Ana Izar, Head of Victims of Terrorism Unit, UNCCT, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (4 minutes) Screening of the Memories Film Campaign (8-minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation: Mr. José Gomez, Filmmaker, Victims of Terrorism Unit, UNOCT/UNCCT discusses the Memories Campaign film with Ms. Sandra Lescano, Victim of terrorism (8 minutes)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Mohammed Hussein Bahr Aluloom, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations (5-minutes) • Mr. Philippe Vansteenkiste, Director, Victims Support V Europe (5-minutes) • Ms. Susilaningtias, Vice Chair, Witness and Victim Protection Agency, Indonesia (5-minutes) • Dr. Fatima Ali Hader, Co-Founder, The Grief Directory (5-minutes)
	Key Issues to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How could the collaboration and sharing of best practices between Member States regarding Victims of Terrorism be improved, with special reference to the establishment of national legislation and the development of national comprehensive assistance plans? • Looking at the First UN Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism, what could be the main objectives of this important event?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role can initiatives such as the Model Legislative Provisions for Victims of Terrorism play in this regard? • What is the specific and important role that CSOs have and continue to play in this field?
	Questions and observations from the floor (Max. 3 minutes per intervention)
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee break (Patio Central Main Court)
10:00 – 11:45	SESSION IV: Civil society efforts for preventing and countering terrorism (Auditorium 2) Ensuring that measures to prevent and counter terrorism preserve and promote an enabling environment for Civic Space
	Co-Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Director and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (4-minutes) • Mr. Eelco Kessels, Executive Director, Global Center on Cooperative Security (4-minutes)
	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Humaid Al Maani, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman (5-minutes) • Ms. Nadia Costantini, Head of the Division for Counter-Terrorism European External Action Service (5-minutes) • Ms. Susan Wilding, Head of Geneva Office, CIVICUS (5-minutes) • Ms. Amel Grami, Chairperson, Euro-Mediterranean Women Foundation, (Tunisia) (5-minutes) • Ms. Lourdes Castro Garcia, Coordinador, Somos Defensores Programme (5-minutes)
	Key Issues to be addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the causes and drivers of restrictions to civic space, and what safeguards exist on the international level to address this problem? • How does shrinking civic space negatively impact the promotion and protection of human rights in a counter-terrorism context? How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted civic space? • What are the challenges faced by diverse civil society actors, including specific threats and violence faced by women human rights defenders and peacebuilders in the context of counter-terrorism? • What is the unique role of human rights in protecting civic space, including in counter-terrorism contexts, and the contributions of women, youth and locally-focused civil society actors to the designing, implementation and evaluation of counter-terrorism strategies, approaches and measures?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the practical steps and good practices through which Member States can develop human rights compliant and gender responsive counter-terrorism laws, policies, and measures that enable the effective and safe participation of diverse civil society groups and actors?
	Questions and observations from the floor (Max. 3 minutes per intervention)
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee break (Patio Central Main Court)
12:00 – 13:45	SESSION V: Role of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Architecture (Auditorium 2) Challenges and the way forward
	Co-Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Spain to the United Nations (4-minutes) Mr. Jordan Street, Policy and Advocacy Adviser, Saferworld, Washington D.C. USA (4-minutes)
	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Ambassador T. S. Tirumurti, Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations (5-minutes) Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, United Nations (5-minutes) H.E. Ambassador Abdulla bin Ibrahim Abdulrahman Sultan Al Hamar, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Spain (5-minutes) Mr. John Brandolino, Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (5-minutes) Ms. Naureen Fink, Executive Director, The Soufan Center (5-minutes) Ms. Victoria Ibezim-Ohaeri, Executive Director, Spaces for Change (S4C), Nigeria (5-minutes)
	Key Issues to be addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the role of the UN in fostering human rights and the rule of law-based counter-terrorism approaches and efforts to-date? How could the UN ensure that any activities carried out by the UN in the area of preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism that include the provision of support to non-UN security forces comply with the UN Human Rights Due Diligence Policy? In this regard, does the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact require greater attention to the Human Rights Due Diligence Policy as it applies to work with non-UN security forces? How do we sustain the efforts by Member States and CSO partners to strengthen the UN CT architecture to better address priorities, emerging challenges and weaknesses/gaps in the human rights-compliant and gender-responsive implementation of counter-terrorism

	<p>measures identified in the past two decades? Explore good practices and ongoing efforts to strengthen CSO engagement and ways in which it contributes to better counter-terrorism policies at the UN level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What further safeguards and additional measures are needed to ensure progressive and consistent civil society engagement, in line with the UN Guidance Note: Protection and Promotion of Civic Space? • Explore good practices and ongoing efforts to ensure gender mainstreaming within the design, implementation and monitoring of CT/PCVE strategies at the international, regional and national levels.
	Questions and observations from the floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Closing Session (Auditorium 2)</p> <p>Co-Chairs and Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, United Nations • H.E. Mr. Fernando Grande-Marlaska, Minister of the Interior, Spain
14:30	Farewell Lunch (Optional) (Main Restaurant/Sala Polivalente)