# **September in Review** 2021



# Leadership

On the margins of the General Debate of the 76th UN General Assembly (UNGA), USG Voronkov held 24 bilateral meetings with Member States and international partners to discuss ongoing and future cooperation and exchange views on current global and regional terrorist trends.

# Highlights

• The United Nations held a special tribute ceremony to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. The event was organized by UNOCT on behalf of the UN and held at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum in New York. The commemoration demonstrated the UN's commitment to never forget the nearly 3,000 people from over 90 countries whose lives were taken that day, and the thousands more that were injured or sickened. The event was attended by more than 300 participants, including Heads of States, Ministers and delegations representing more than 120 Member States and international organizations. (20 Sep)



• UNOCT, UNODC, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union co-organized the First Global Parliamentary Summit on Counter-Terrorism aimed at exchanging best legislative practices and setting strategies for the counterterrorism agenda. (9 Sep)

- UNCCT, together with the EuroAsian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism (EAG), the Moscow Lomonosov State University, and the Russian Federal Financial Monitoring Service, organized a three-day hybrid regional conference in Moscow for EAG member states to raise awareness on international efforts on countering the financing of terrorism analysis and financial intelligence exchange. (8-10 Sep)
- UNOCT's Rabat Programme Office and UNOCT's Counter-Terrorism Investigations Programme held a hybrid launch of the UN Manual of Guidance for Countering Kidnapping and Extortion that provides good practices, tactics, and strategies identified by experienced practitioners in the field of kidnapping investigation. (15 Sep)
- UNCCT, along with UNICEF, Iraq and the Netherlands, jointly launched the Global Framework for United **Nations Support on Syria / Iraq Third Country National Returnees** during a virtual side event on the margins of UNGA76. The Global Framework, co-chaired by UNOCT and UNICEF, enables "all-of-UN" support to Member States on individuals returning from Iraq and Syria, combining human rights-based, age-appropriate and gender-responsive approaches to address the different needs of women, men, girls and boys. (29 Sep)



#### **UNOCT Office Structure**

www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure







The Office provides its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) and the Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB). UNCCT 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. SPIB was established following a generous contribution by the State of Qatar as part of the Contribution Agreement between UNOCT and the State of Qatar signed in 2018.

To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 43 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. The Compact operates thanks to the generous contribution of the State of Qatar. 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.



#### **UNOCT Mandate**

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has five functions:

- ▶ Provide leadership on the GA counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the UN system
- ▶ Enhance coordination and coherence across the 38 Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global CT Strategy
- > Strengthen delivery of UN counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States
- Improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for UN counter-terrorism efforts.
- Ensure that due priority is given to counterterrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy

# **September in Review** 2021



## Capacity Building

#### **UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**

**UNCCT** held a joint regional training for Central Asian Young Ambassadors of UNRCCA's Preventive Diplomacy Academy on Internet security and use of the Internet for terrorist purposes. The Young Ambassadors engaged in discussions on UNOCT's mandate, the STRIVE Asia programme and implementation of the National Action Plans in their respective countries. (8 Sep)

**UNCCT and UNODC** conducted a four-day training course on Preventing and Combatting the Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons and their Illicit Supply to Terrorists, for criminal justice, customs and border control officials of Turkmenistan. (14-17 Sep)

**UNOCT** <u>held</u> a three-day virtual workshop on strengthening cooperation in nuclear security detection and response in the Horn of Africa with the support of the EU. The event brought together participants from Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda and speakers from Jordan, the Philippines and the US. (15 Sep)

### **Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)**

**UNOCT** <u>launched</u> a new programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security ("TAM Programme") that will gather, for the first time, representatives from national government organizations with mandates for civil aviation security and counterterrorism, to deliver foundational tools addressing the key elements for effective interagency cooperation on terrorist threats to civil aviation. (7 Sep)



CT Travel Programme concluded a five-day training course on collecting and using Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data to counter terrorist travel and serious crimes for Mongolian participants. The training covered a specialized agenda including threat assessments, the international legal framework, operationalization of a Passenger Information Unit, transport industry engagement, and the 'goTravel' software to counter terrorism and violent extremism. (13-17 Sep)

The UN-EU Counter-Terrorism Partnership for Sudan organized a two-day workshop on the Protection of Vulnerable Targets and Critical Infrastructures in Khartoum which was attended by experts from public authorities and the private sector. Experts from UNOCT, CTED, Interpol, UNAOC, UNICRI and CAERT shared good practices on risk assessments, public private partnerships and preparedness measures to protect citizens and infrastructures. (13-14 Sep)

**UNOCT & SPIB:** Jan-Sept 2021







# **Experts meetings**

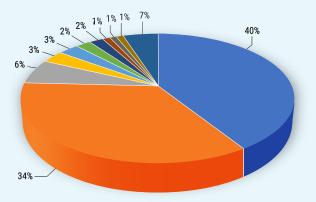




## **Top Contributors to UNOCT**

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$274.7 million, out of which \$224 million has been received from 35 donors. Overall, the top donors to date are:





- \* Allocation from the UN Peace and Security Sub-Fund of the EOSG
- \*\* In addition, in-kind contribution provided by the Netherlands (valued at USD 11.5 million in 2018) and Hungary (USD 534k in 2021).



#### Pillar I

Addressing the condition conducive to the spread of terrorism

#### Pillar II

Preventing and combating terrorism

#### Pillar III

Building States' capacity and strengthen the role of the UN

#### Pillar IV

Ensuring human rights and the rule of law