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The Pact for the Future and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact: Strengthening Policy Interventions and Building Member State Capacities to Prevent and Counter Terrorism

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Dear Compact partners and colleagues,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this discussion.

Our Working Group on Resource Mobilization, Monitoring, and Evaluation plays an important role in advancing the Pact for the Future by promoting accountability, transparency, and results-driven action across the UN system.

To generate system-wide insights, we prioritize strategic evaluations. A recent example is the independent joint evaluation of a UNOCT-UNODC project on managing violent extremist prisoners and preventing radicalization in prisons.

This year, we will support another evaluation of a UNOCT-UNODC-IOM-UNICEF project assisting the Government of Iraq in addressing screening, rehabilitation, and reintegration of Iraqi nationals from northeast Syria.

In addition, a more structured, system-wide approach to measuring UN counter-terrorism and PCVE efforts is needed.

Yesterday, the Compact Coordination Committee adopted Decision IX on enhancing monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation, reaffirming the role of the Compact in implementing the mandate of the UN General Assembly to develop a unified results framework across the UN system for assessing counter-terrorism efforts. The Committee specifically welcomed our ongoing work in this area and tasked our working group with leading efforts to develop this framework with a monitoring and reporting mechanism while ensuring alignment with existing systems to avoid duplication.

This decision underscores the importance of our work and the urgent need for collaboration across the UN system. The inception phase of this effort has already begun, and we have recruited a highly qualified evaluation consultant to support the process. In the coming months, we will be reaching out to many of you to participate in focus groups and interviews to ensure this framework is not only informed by your diverse expertise but also garners broad support from entities across the UN system. We urge all Compact partners to actively engage in this process to strengthen accountability and transparency, ensuring that we can effectively measure the results in implementing the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

On resource mobilization, the UN Joint Appeal for Counter-Terrorism in Africa is a key initiative that directly supports the Pact for the Future's emphasis on prevention and sustainable development.

The Appeal contributes to the Pact for the future in three major ways:

- First, by helping to prevent violent extremism through addressing underlying conditions. By focusing on prevention, youth empowerment, and social inclusion, the Joint Appeal builds resilience in communities and addresses the grievances that enable extremist ideologies to take root. This aligns directly with the Pact's goal to reduce inequalities and foster sustainable development.
- Second, by strengthening regional and international cooperation. Africa's counter-terrorism landscape is often fragmented. The Joint Appeal promotes harmonized action, including intelligence sharing, joint operations, and joint resource mobilization – mirroring the Pact's emphasis on multilateralism and collective problem-solving.
- Third, by capacity-building and institutional strengthening. The Joint Appeal provides technical assistance, training, and support to justice systems, ensuring that responses are effective, lawful, and rooted in human rights. This is essential to achieving the governance principles outlined in the Pact.

Despite strong political backing, the Joint Appeal has yet to secure substantial funding.

Yesterday, the Committee adopted Decision X on sustaining the work of the Counter-Terrorism Compact, underscoring the Joint Appeal as a critical and innovative mechanism for delivering impactful and sustainable assistance. Recognizing the need to reposition the Appeal in response to evolving Member State priorities, the Committee reaffirmed its support for efforts to enhance engagement and fundraising.

In response, our Working Group has identified five strategic priorities to guide the way forward:

- First, to keep Africa at the heart of the Joint Appeal and ensure the Appeal maintains its focus on addressing the continent's unique challenges and opportunities.
- Second, systemically engage funding partners on the Joint Appeal and obtain their feedback on how the Appeal can be further aligned with their expectations and priorities.
- Third, to align the Joint Appeal's thematic and geographic focus with on-the-ground realities to better reflect local needs, while remaining relevant to partner interests.
- Fourth, to strengthen advocacy efforts, particularly through in-country joint events, to amplify the Joint Appeal's value and visibility.

- And lastly, to secure high-level support and mobilize leadership across Compact entities to advocate for the Joint Appeal as our strategic joint initiative throughout 2025.

A major challenge in mobilizing resources is the lack of comprehensive data on UN system-wide funding trends for preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism.

To address this, we will soon launch a Survey on Funding Trends, targeting Compact members and Member States. The insights gathered will help identify funding gaps, align priorities, and enhance engagement with donors.

We encourage all Compact partners to actively participate in this initiative. Data-driven decision-making is key to improving coordination, optimizing resource allocation, and ensuring sustainable funding for counter-terrorism efforts.

The two decisions adopted yesterday reinforce the significance of our work. Moving forward, our priorities are clear: accelerating the development of a unified results framework and mobilizing resources collectively to sustain impactful counter-terrorism initiatives. The success of both efforts will depend on strong engagement from all Compact partners.

We remain committed to working together to deliver on these mandates and look forward to continued collaboration.

Thank you.