

Mr. Voronkov visit to China

Beijing, 15 June 2019 - Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov, Head of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) concluded his three-day visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Government.

Meeting with Mr. Le Yucheng, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Voronkov thanked the Government of China for its commitment to multilateralism and support to the United Nations. He expressed gratitude for the Government's support to his Office, including to its capacity-building work in the Sahel through the China-United Nations Peace and Development Fund. The People's Republic of China was the only country among the top contributors to UNOCT that Mr. Voronkov had not yet the opportunity to visit.

The Under-Secretary-General also met with the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Zhang Jun, leaders of the Ministry of Public Security, participated in a dialogue at the China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) and met with local authorities in Urumqi. He briefed on the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its four pillars, which focus on conditions conducive to terrorism, preventing and countering terrorism and the role of the United Nations, and upholding human rights and the rule of law. In his meetings, Mr. Voronkov highlighted the increasing use of new technologies to address the evolving terrorist threat and the need to develop a common international approach to this challenge.

Mr. Voronkov also had the opportunity to visit the Beijing International Airport Counter-Terrorism and Security Facilities. He discussed potential areas of collaboration regarding border security management, including in the context of UNOCT's new flagship project 'Counter-Terrorist Travel'.

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), was established in June 2017 to provide leadership on the implementation of General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates, to enhance coordination and coherence through the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact, and to strengthen the delivery of the United Nations counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States, through the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT).