POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- On 19 May, USG Voronkov co-chaired the high-level segment of a joint retreat with the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI) of the Department of Peace Operations, and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED). The retreat explored modalities and opportunities for tripartite collaboration to assist, upon request, in building national rule of law and security capacity of Member States to prevent and counter terrorism.

- On 20 May, USG Voronkov held a tripartite meeting with Ambassador Kais Kabtani, Permanent Representative of Tunisia and Chair of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), and ASG Michele Coninsx, Executive Director of CTED, to discuss business continuity and priorities of the three entities.

- On 21 May, USG Voronkov briefed the CTC on his joint trilateral visit with Assistant Secretary-General Michèle Coninsx, Executive Director of CTED, and Mr. Edmund Fitton-Brown, Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team to Indonesia in February 2020, and on his joint visit with ASG Coninsx to the Philippines in March. He, inter alia, highlighted the fruitful discussions held in each county, including on capacity building cooperation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- On 21 May, USG Voronkov chaired this year’s first virtual Quarterly Briefing to Member States, attended by 123 Member States and 24 Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Entities. He provided an update on UNOCT’s work, and underscored the importance of dialogue with Member States on counter-terrorism priorities in the COVID-19 context, as well as strengthened partnerships with Compact entities. UNOCT and SPIB provided updates on programmes, featuring innovative solutions for capacity-building delivery.

- Since its launch in March, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Platform has received over 13,000 visits and 73 Member States have nominated focal point users. In the course of May, the Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat in UNOCT organized 10 live demonstrations of the Platform for Counter-Terrorism Compact entities and Member States. The Secretariat also supported the organization of eight Counter-Terrorism Compact Working Group e-meetings.

CAPACITY-BUILDING

- The Commonwealth of Australia made a generous contribution of AU$200,000 to UNOCT for PVE specifically in support of ASEAN Bali Workplan Priorities.

- UNOCT convened a 2-day Virtual Capacity-Building Workshop for Bahrain on Countering the Financing of Terrorism on May 6-7. The discussions emphasized the need to protect non-profit organizations from terrorist misuse, while simultaneously aiming for a thriving humanitarian space. The workshop was the first concrete UNOCT virtual capacity-building venture during COVID19.

- UNOCT presented its capacity-building priorities at the Chemical Security Working Group Meeting of the G7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, organized by USA and the Philippines on 14 May.

- On 27 May, UNOCT organized a virtual Brownbag on Terrorism recidivism, with Thomas Renard, Senior Research Fellow from Belgium and 54 participants. The discussion included management of Violent Extremist Prisoners (VEPs) and reoffenders, the need to scale up research, differences amongst re-offenders, and access to judiciary and other data.

SPECIAL PROJECTS & INNOVATION BRANCH

- The UNOCT Fusion Cells programme is coordinating the implementation of virtual scoping missions in African countries with CTED, the African Union’s African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (CAERT) and other partners.

- The Commonwealth of Australia made a generous contribution of AU$650,000 to support UNOCT’s flagship Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel). The funds will be primarily used to build Member States’ detection capabilities with a focus on activities in the ASEAN region.

- UNOCT’s first virtual MoU signing ceremony took place on 27 May with Sudan to create a Passenger Information Unit with the support of CT Travel.

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UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

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

UNOCT MANDATE

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has 5 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 counter-terrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy.

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. 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.

The Office provides most of its capacity-building support to Member States through the **UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**, which 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.

UNOCT IN REVIEW 2020

TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO UNOCT
UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to $249.5 million, out of which $168.7 million has been received from 31 donors. Overall the top donors to date are:

- European Union 44%
- Russian Federation 7%
- Japan 3%
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2%
- Kingdom of the Netherlands* 2%
- Spain 1%
- United States of America 4%
- People’s Republic of China** 2%
- State of Qatar 1%

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