



**FOURTH COUNTER-TERRORISM COORDINATION MEETING OF
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLIES & SECOND POLICY DIALOGUE
HOSTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-
TERRORISM**

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PRESS RELEASE

Vienna, Austria, October 4, 2023 – Today, Parliamentary Assemblies from different parts of the world met in Vienna to participate in the Fourth Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting, organized by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement with the support of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, and in cooperation with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA).

The event is the latest in a series of regular parliamentary coordination meetings aimed at enhancing collaboration among parliamentary assemblies on counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE). Over 80 participants from 16 parliamentary assemblies from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East attended the hybrid meeting.

H.E. Dr. Ali bin Fetais Almarri, Member of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar; Hon. Reinhold Lopatka, Vice-President and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Presidency of the Coordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies; H.E. Ambassador Mr. Gregor Kössler, Director General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria; and Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director, UN Counter-Terrorism Centre, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, provided opening remarks. H.E. Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, delivered welcoming keynote address.

Throughout the sessions, members of delegations of the attending parliamentary assemblies and thematic experts discussed the main regional security trends and key terrorism-related issues, including the current situation in the Sahel region and the power of multilateralism to address the issues of violent extremism and terrorism.

The representatives of parliamentary assemblies also discussed priority areas for 2024, shared information on the potential future initiatives, and re-elected OSCE PA for a new term (one year) of chairmanship of the Presidency of the Coordination Mechanism.

The meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies will continue tomorrow, on 5 October with **the Second Parliamentary Policy Dialogue under the theme of Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism (PCVE)**.

Participants will discuss global and regional threats associated with violent extremism conducive to terrorism and its impact on youth, as well as best practices on PCVE and existing PCVE strategies.

The [First Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies](#) took place in Doha, State of Qatar, on 13 December 2021. Representatives of ten parliamentary assemblies from different parts of the world took part in the meeting and agreed to establish a Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism to improve collaboration among parliamentary assemblies as well as with the United Nations and parliamentary bodies.

The [Second Coordination Meeting](#) was held in Naples, Italy on 10 June 2022, with the participation of 13 parliamentary assemblies from Africa, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Central and South Asia. Participants identified priorities for joint initiatives between UNOCT and parliamentary assemblies focusing on specific thematic and geographic areas, as well as developed and agreed on the modalities of the Coordination Mechanism.

The [Third Coordination Meeting](#) was carried out in Doha, State of Qatar, on 30 January 2023. The Fifth Coordination Meeting will be held in July 2024.

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