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### MONGOLIA LAUNCHES PASSENGER INFORMATION UNIT WITH SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNTERING TERRORIST TRAVEL PROGRAMME

**ULAANBAATAR, 01 December 2023** – Mongolia launched its new Passenger Information Unit (PIU) to detect and prevent the movement of terrorists and criminals, becoming the fourth Member State to achieve this milestone. The PIU was established under the framework of the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel) which is coordinated by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). It will utilize the United Nations software solution “goTravel” and is located within Mongolia’s General Authority for Border Protection.

An inauguration ceremony organized by the National Counter Terrorism Council of Mongolia was held in Ulaanbaatar to mark the occasion, while also highlighting the benefits of the country’s ‘whole-of-Government’ approach.

In her opening remarks, **H.E. Ms. Solongoo Bayarsaikhan, Deputy Minister of Justice and Home Affairs of Mongolia** said *“The Mongolian Government is working closely with the international community to maintain border security, improving screening mechanisms, preventing of terrorist travel and other serious crimes while promoting human rights and freedom, which are integral part of our national security. While doing so, the Government of Mongolia is developing policies to work closely with international organizations within the framework of international agreements and conventions signed between UN Member States, and Mongolian Legislations.”*

Expressing gratitude to UNOCT and all implementing partners of the CT Travel programme, **Major General Peljee Odonbaatar, Director General of the National Counter-Terrorism Council (NCTC) of Mongolia** stressed *“Once the Mongolia PIU starts to operate, we will have a chance to prevent and combat terrorists and transnational criminal groups and their accomplices from entering or transiting through Mongolia with the help of data exchange with international organizations and partner countries.”*

In her opening remarks, **Ms. Christine Bradley, Chief of the Countering Terrorist Travel Section at UNOCT** highlighted that *“Mongolia is the first country within the broader Central and East Asia region to establish and inaugurate their PIU with the assistance of the CT Travel Programme. Soon it will be fully operational, using goTravel to collect and analyze passenger data. This is a truly significant milestone for Mongolia, as well as the UN and the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme”.*

Integrating the expertise and mandates of the three national entities, Mongolia’s new PIU includes enhanced operational and technical capabilities in the areas of passenger data collection, analysis and response to detect and prevent the movement of terrorists and criminals, in compliance with the requirements of United Nations Security Council resolutions [2178](#) (2014), [2396](#) (2017), and [2482](#) (2019), international standards and recommended practices, relevant privacy laws, and human rights principles.

The launch also represents a milestone for the CT Travel Programme, with establishment of Mongolia’s PIU representing the fourth such unit to become fully operational with the support of the Programme, and the third to commence the preparation to go live in using “goTravel”. A key component of the Programme's support package to Member States, “goTravel” is a United Nations-owned software solution that supports the end-to-end process of collecting passenger data from the transport industry, conducting targeted analysis, and sharing the findings of the data assessment with relevant authorities.

Led by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the CT Travel Programme follows an “All-of-UN” approach providing comprehensive, yet tailored assistance to beneficiary Member States with the support of its six implementing partners, the [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate \(CTED\)](#), the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#), the [United Nations Office of Information and Communication Technology \(UNOICT\)](#), the [International Criminal Police Organization \(INTERPOL\)](#), and the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#).



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