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UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON THREAT ASSESSMENT MODELS FOR AVIATION SECURITY SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES IN VIETNAM AND OPENS A NEW CHAPTER OF PARTNERSHIP

DA NANG, VIET NAM, 15 December 2023 - Today the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam became the fifth Member State to formally conclude the implementation of the [United Nations Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security \("TAM Programme"\)](#). This marks a significant milestone for the Government, which has demonstrated a streamlined, cohesive approach to inter-agency cooperation for the identification, assessment, and management of terrorist threats against critical civil aviation infrastructure.

Viet Nam's successful development and implementation of the new inter-agency coordination framework is expected to serve as a benchmark for other Member States across the Southeast Asia region and around the world.

During the opening session, the Head of the Homeland Security Department within the Vietnamese Ministry of Public Security noted that *"Civil aviation is one of the main targets of terrorism. Therefore, each country must establish appropriate security strategies and measures to promptly deal with increasingly diverse terrorist threats, including an accurate assessment of the threat to aviation security playing a principal role."* He added that the Vietnamese Government decided to collaborate with UNOCT to carry out the TAM Program in 2023 *"in order to support the Vietnamese authorities in ensuring awareness on the important role of the inter-agency coordination mechanism and capacity in conducting threat assessment aimed at civil aviation in general and terrorist threats aimed at civil aviation in particular."*

The TAM Programme supports global counter-terrorism efforts by providing Member States with technical assistance and capacity-building tools to enhance national information-sharing mechanisms on terrorist threats to civil aviation. The Programme works to strengthen national interagency cooperation on threat information and supports risk-based decision-making to secure global civil aviation systems as called for by Security Council resolution 2309 (2016) and in line with the eighth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy of June 2023.

Concretely, the TAM Programme aims to bridge counter-terrorism and aviation security by fostering cooperation at the national level through the establishment of new lines of communication between previously siloed entities. The Programme also helps creating cross-agency synergies, which generate increased resources and expertise to ensure safe and secure air travel. To date, the TAM Programme finalized implementation in five countries.

The TAM Programme is led by UNOCT, in partnership with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and integrates expertise from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). The Programme is co-funded by strategic investments and in-kind support from the State of Qatar, the United States of America, and Hungary.

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