



## Press release

## The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) joins the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact

**New York, 9 June 2022** - Following the Eighth Meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee that took place on 8 June 2022, its Chairman Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, met in person with the President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Dr. Marcus Pleyer.

The Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism officially welcomed the FATF as the 45<sup>th</sup> member of the <u>Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact</u>, which is the largest coordination framework within the UN-system.

Mr. Voronkov praised the renowned expertise of FATF on various aspects of countering the financing of terrorism, including anti-money laundering, as a key addition to the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact operational ability to effectively tackle this growing threat. "The participation of FATF will undoubtedly contribute to strengthening the United Nations efforts to address the issue of terrorist financing and terrorist-related threats to the integrity of the international financial system, in line with the international framework, such as the landmark Security Council resolution 2462 (2019)," he stated.

Dr. Pleyer welcomed the opportunity of joining the Compact, stating that "cooperation between international partners is crucial to the fight against terrorist financing. By sharing information and expertise, the FATF and United Nations strengthen their ability to go after the money that funds terrorist groups".

While the FATF has a longstanding partnership with the United Nations, and closely cooperates with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the FATF has now also officially joined the Counter-Terrorism Compact inter-agency Working Group on Criminal Justice, Legal Responses and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CJLR-CFT).

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, launched by the Secretary-General in December 2018, is the primary institutional vehicle for coherent and coordinated support to Member States in their implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism serves as the Secretariat of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.

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