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2021 Counter-Terrorism Week: Side event on Multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation: the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact – Global Counterterrorism Forum partnership

New York, 23 June 2021 – The <u>United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact</u> and the <u>Global Counterterrorism Forum</u> (GCTF) are pleased to invite you to their joint side event on <u>Multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation</u>: the <u>United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact</u> – <u>Global Counterterrorism Forum partnership</u>, which will be held virtually on 30 June 2021 at 8 a.m. (New York EDT) on the margins of the Second Counter-Terrorism Week.

As the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy marks its fifteenth anniversary and the GCTF prepares to mark its tenth anniversary, the event will reflect on ways to enhance and solidify the growing partnership between the GCTF and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact. It will highlight how integrated and intergovernmental counter-terrorism efforts address the evolving terrorism landscape.

The event will bring together heads and representatives of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities and the GCTF for a focused dialogue on increasing opportunities for collaboration, while showcasing joint efforts.

Distinguished speakers include Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), Michele Coninsx, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), and GCTF Co-Chairs, David Drake, Special Advisor Counterterrorism, Global Affairs Canada and Ismail Chekkori, Director of Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates.

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The GCTF is an outward-looking multilateral forum that benefits from its 30 Members and collaborates with non-member countries and organizations, including international, regional, sub-regional organizations and civil society to promote a strategic, long-term approach to prevent and counter terrorism and the violent extremist ideologies that underpin it. Launched in 2011, the Forum facilitates frank and open discussions among stakeholders, bringing together experts and practitioners from across the world's regions to identify and address emerging terrorist threats and trends and develop non-binding good practices and tools to strengthen civilian counter-terrorism capabilities. Supporting the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and the United Nations counter-terrorism framework more broadly is central to the activities of the GCTF.

Launched in December 2018, as part of the United Nations Secretary-General's reform of the United Nations counter-terrorism architecture, the **United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact** is the largest coordination framework within the United Nations, leveraging the expertise of **43 United Nations and non-United Nations entities** to support UN Member States' counter-terrorism efforts.

Co-organized by UNOCT and the GCTF, with the support of the Counter-Terrorism Compact secretariat and the GCTF Administrative Unit, the event will be held **virtually via Microsoft Teams**.

For more information

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