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### UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON THREAT ASSESSMENT MODELS FOR AVIATION SECURITY COMPLETES IMPLEMENTATION IN NIGERIA

**New York / Abuja, 30 October 2023** - The Federal Republic of Nigeria became the third Member State to complete the [United Nations Programme on Threat Assessment Models for Aviation Security \(“TAM Programme”\)](#). This marks a significant milestone for the Government, which has developed a streamlined, cohesive approach to inter-agency cooperation for the identification, assessment, and management of terrorist threats against critical civil aviation infrastructure.

Nigeria’s new interagency coordination framework is expected to serve as a benchmark for other Member States across West Africa and around the world seeking to enhance their capacity to protect their civil aviation from terrorist attacks.

At a closing ceremony to commemorate Nigeria’s completion of the TAM Programme on 12 October in Abuja, **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism** congratulated the Nigerian Government on this milestone. *“Your efforts to engage, and more importantly, your commitment to the successful completion of this programme showcases your unwavering dedication to preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism. More importantly, you have pre-positioned the Federal Government of Nigeria against an ever evolving and seriously complex threat environment and established the Government as a global leader on these issues,”* he said.

Nigeria joins Botswana and The Philippines in completing the Programme and enhancing its national framework for inter-agency coordination on the threat to civil aviation.

The TAM Programme supports global counterterrorism efforts by providing Member States with technical assistance and capacity-building tools to address terrorist threats to civil aviation. The Programme works to strengthen national inter-agency cooperation on threat information and supports risk-based decision-making to secure global civil aviation infrastructure as called for by United Nations Security Council resolution 2309 (2016) and in line with the 8<sup>th</sup> review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy of June 2023. Concretely, the TAM Programme bridges the nexus between counterterrorism and aviation security by fostering cooperation at the national level through the establishment of new lines of communication between previously siloed organizations, creating cross-agency synergies to ensure safe and secure air travel.

The TAM Programme is led by UNOCT in close partnership with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and with expertise from the United Nations Office of 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 the

Government of Hungary. The TAM Programme will continue to support member states in Africa and Southeast Asia through 2024.

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