

Model Legislative Provisions

TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS AND PROTECT
THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF TERRORISM



ROUNDTABLE

“Enhancing Member States’ capacity to support the needs and rights of victims of terrorism through the Model Legislative Provisions and the development of National Comprehensive Assistance Plans”

14 March 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm (EDT)

Conference Room 6, United Nations Headquarters, New York

CONCEPT NOTE

I. Background

Following the designation of 21 August as the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism in 2017 by the General Assembly ([A/RES/72/165](#)), the establishment of the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, and the adoption of General Assembly resolution 73/305 in June 2019 ([A/RES/73/305](#)), support for victims of terrorism has moved from symbolic solidarity towards a more robust engagement to advance their rights and needs. The Secretary-General suggested in his report on “Progress made by the United Nations system in supporting Member States in assisting victims of terrorism”, that “Member States may also wish to consider developing national legislation that specifically addresses the rights, interests and needs of victims of terrorism”.

In February 2022, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), through its Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme and its Office of Parliamentary Engagement, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, launched the “Model Legislative Provisions to Support the Needs and Protect the Rights of Victims of Terrorism” (the ‘MLP’). These provisions provide concrete steps to develop legislation and assistance plans to support victims of terrorism, grounded in international humanitarian and human rights law.

The pilot project “Technical support on the rights and needs of victims of terrorism through the establishment of National Comprehensive Assistance Plans (NCAPs) and Model Legislative Provisions (MLPs)”, co-funded by the Department of State of the United States of America, aims at supporting Member States to enhance and harmonize their legislative frameworks and develop NCAPs utilizing the MLP framework.

II. Objective

The roundtable on “Enhancing Member States’ capacity to support the needs and rights of victims of terrorism through the Model Legislative Provisions and the development of National Comprehensive Assistance Plans” aims to raise awareness and generate Member State’s interest in the pilot MLP project.

The roundtable seeks to: (i) identify Member States interested in participating in the pilot MLP project; (ii) promote discussion about assistance needs in the area of victims of terrorism; (iii) raise awareness about best practices and lessons learned; and (iv) highlight the work of the United Nations on victims of terrorism.

III. The UNOCT/UNCCT Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme

The Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme (the “VoT Programme”), located within the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, seeks to show solidarity with victims of terrorism, raise awareness of their rights and needs, and support the capacity of Member States and civil society organizations to advance them.

The VoT Programme has four mutually reinforcing priority areas grounded in the commitment to human rights and gender mainstreaming:

- Solidarity, Outreach and Advocacy
- Support and Coordination with Member States, UN Entities and Civil Society
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
- Enhance capacity of victims of terrorism on visibility and communication

The VoT Programme is delivered in coordination and partnership with Member States, victims of terrorism, associations of victims of terrorism, civil society organizations, UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities, the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, and relevant UN Country Teams.

IV. Participants

- Representatives of Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations in New York, and senior officials in capitals at the ministerial and parliamentary level.
- Representatives from the *Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism*, based in New York or in capitals, including co-chairs, members and observers.
- Members of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on Promoting and Protecting Human Rights and the Rule of Law while Countering Terrorism and Supporting Victims of Terrorism.
- Representatives from relevant regional organizations

V. Format and Language

The roundtable will be held in a hybrid format to allow for Permanent and Observer Missions to attend in person, if so desired, and government representatives and parliamentarians to connect from their capitals. The workshop will be held in English.

VI. Focal Points

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