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### NORWAY LAUNCHES PASSENGER INFORMATION UNIT WITH THE SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS COUNTERING TERRORIST TRAVEL PROGRAMME

**OSLO, 30 September 2022** – Norway launched its new Passenger Information Unit (PIU) to detect and prevent the movement of terrorists and criminals, becoming the first member state to achieve this milestone and to utilize the United Nations software solution “goTravel”. The PIU was established under the framework of the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel), coordinated by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) together with the United Nations Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT) and the Kingdom of Norway (through the National Criminal Investigation Service jointly with the Norwegian Police Security Service and the Norwegian Customs Service).

An in-person launch event in Oslo marked the occasion and highlighted the benefits of Norway’s Whole-of-Government approach.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Mauro Miedico, UNOCT, highlighted that *“This is a significant milestone for the UN and the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme. The official opening today also signifies the importance of this achievement in Norway. We hope this will be the first of many PIUs that will be operational with UN support in the months and years ahead.”*

Ms. Christine Bradley, Chief of the Countering Terrorist Travel Section, UNOCT, noted that *“Today’s ceremony is hugely significant. With a fully operational Passenger Information Unit established, Norway will now be able to collect, analyze and share API/PNR data to identify known and previously unknown security threats in advance of their arrival to or departure from Norway as well as use the data to support counter-terrorism investigations.”*

*“Through the Norwegian PNR project, we cherish you as a key partner, within our multi-stakeholder partnership on goTravel development. In our opinion, this partnership is a vehicle through which interested players can collaborate on specific API and PNR challenges or explore opportunities in ways that achieve greater impact than they could achieve alone”*, Mr. Alain Nkoyock, Chief and Senior Information Systems Officer at the United Nations Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT) said.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Roger Berg, Director General, National Security Services of Norway, highlighted that *“Norway is proud to be part of the CT Travel Programme. The signing of an MoU and a MoA symbolized a longstanding partnership and shared commitment for close cooperation between Norway and UNOCT in the fight against terrorism and serious crime. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of UNOCT and thank you for your excellent assistance.”*

Integrating the expertise and mandates of the three national entities, Norway's new PIU features enhanced operational and technical capabilities in the areas of data collection, analysis and response to detect and prevent the movement of terrorists and criminals using both Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data, in compliance with the requirements of the United Nations Security Council resolutions [2178](#) (2014), [2396](#) (2017), and [2482](#) (2019), ICAO standards and recommended practices, relevant privacy laws, and human rights principles.

The launch represents a milestone for the CT Travel Programme, with Norway's PIU representing the first such unit to become fully operational with the support of the programme and the first such unit to go live in using the "goTravel" software. The goTravel Software Solution, which is a key component of CT Travel's comprehensive support package to Member States, is a United Nations-owned software solution that supports the end-to-end process for law enforcement officers to obtain passenger data from the transport industry, and conduct targeted analysis as well as share the findings of their data assessment with relevant authorities.

Led by UNOCT, the [CT Travel Programme](#) follows an "All-of-UN" approach providing comprehensive, yet tailored assistance to beneficiary Member States with the support of its six implementing partners, the [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate \(CTED\)](#), the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#), the United Nations [Office of Information and Communication Technology \(UNOICT\)](#), the [International Criminal Police Organization \(INTERPOL\)](#), and the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#).



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