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4 November 2024 – High-Level Opening Session	
09:45-10:00	<p style="color: #0099cc;">Group photo of the Heads of Delegations</p> <p>Venue: Crystal Ballroom</p>
10:00-10:30	<p style="color: #0099cc;">Introductory Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations <hr/> <p style="color: #0099cc;">Keynote Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al Hamad Al Mubarak Al Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait • His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan
10:35-13:00	<p style="color: #0099cc;">Ministerial Session: Leveraging Multilateralism to Achieve Enhanced Counter-Terrorism Cooperation around the World</p> <hr/> <p>Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait • H.E. Mr. Sirojiddin Muhriddin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan <p>Special guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Jasem Albudaiwai, Secretary-General, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) • H.E. Dr. Omar Alieu Touray, President, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission • H.E. Mr. Waleed El-Khereiji, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) • H.E. Ambassador Faisal Abdullah Al-Henzab, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar • H.E. Mr. Ali Benaissa, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to the State of Kuwait • Ms. Natalia Gherman, Assistant-Secretary-General and Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

- **Ms. Syafira Khairani**, Youth Leader from “Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism” and International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID), Indonesia

Senior Dignitaries and Ministers:

- **H.E. Mr. Zhang Ming**, Secretary-General, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
- **H.E. Ms. Pholile Shakantu**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Eswatini
- **H.E. Ms. Verónica Nataniel Macamo Dlhovo**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique
- **H.E. Mr. Musa Timothy Kabba**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- **H.E. Mr. Ahmed Fiqi Ahmed**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia
- **H.E. Mr. Ramadhan Abdalla Mohammed Goc**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity of the Republic of South Sudan
- **H.E. Mr. Albert Kan-Dapaah**, Minister for National Security of Ghana
- **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Lahweirthi**, Minister of the Interior for the Promotion of Decentralization and Local Development, Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- **H.E. Mr. Ebrahim Haidan**, Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Yemen
- **Mr. Md Touhid Hossain**, Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh
- **H.E. Mr. Qasim Mohammed Jalal**, National Security Advisor, Republic of Iraq
- **H.E. Mr. Yusuf Rahmon**, Prosecutor General, Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Leonardo Santos Simao**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS)
- **H.E. Mr. Aloyev Bakhomjon Juraboyevich**, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **H.E. Mr. Jenelly Matundu**, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Namibia
- **H.E. Mr. Habib Abbas**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic
- **H.E. Mr. Ahmed Gurbanov**, Deputy Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan
- **Ms. Agnes Kertész**, Deputy State Secretary of Hungary
- **H.E. Mr. Yousef Aldobeay**, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

- **Mr. Walid Elfiky**, Ambassador, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Director General of Counter Terrorism Department, Arab Republic of Egypt
- **H.E. Mr. Salem Aljaberi**, Assistant Minister for Military and Security Affairs, United Arab Emirates
- **H.E. Ms. Teri Hakala**, Ambassador, European Union Special Representative for Central Asia
- **H.E. Ms. Alena Kupchyna**, Ambassador, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- **H.E. Ms. Aliya Mawani**, Ambassador of Canada to the State of Kuwait
- **H.E. Mr. Lorenzo Morini**, Ambassador of Italy to the State of Kuwait
- **H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier**, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Vladimir Zheltov**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the State of Kuwait
- **H.E. Ms. Karen Sasahara**, Ambassador of the United States to the State of Kuwait
- **Mr. Kishan Dan Dewal**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs of India
- **Mr. Chris Felton**, Head, Counter Terrorism Network (CTeN) Asia and Oceania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- **H.E. Mr. Saleh Yahya Masoud Al Maskari**, Head of Global Affairs Department, Foreign Ministry of the Sultanate of Oman
- **Ms. Harifera Elisa Rabemanajara**, Director General of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Madagascar
- **Brigadier General Boubacar Diallo**, Chief of Staff of the Ministry of National Defense, Guinea
- **H.E. Mr. Anas Mustafa**, Director General of The Department of The International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sudan
- **H.E. Mr. Kenan Yilmaz**, Ambassador, Director-General for Intelligence and Security Affairs, Türkiye
- **Mr. Chanthan Chhuon**, Vice President of the Secretariat of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, Cambodia
- **Dr. Mwayiwawo Polepole**, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Malawi
- **H.E. Mr. Asadollah Eshragh Jahromi**, Director General for International Peace and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Ahed Ali Ibrahim Sweidat, Ambassador, Director of Arab and Middle Eastern Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan <p>Statements by Ministers and Others (strictly 4-minutes each)</p> <p>Key issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic priorities to strengthen Multilateral Counter-Terrorism Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are some successful examples of multilateral cooperation in the field of countering terrorism? ○ What are the benefits of regional counter-terrorism initiatives? ○ How can neighboring countries collaborate to better address cross-border terrorism threats? • Strategic Risks in Multilateral Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can countries navigate respective national interests and priorities to foster effective collaboration? ○ What mechanisms can be put in place to mitigate potential risks and ensure sustained cooperation? • Avenues for Change and Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In what ways can multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation be enhanced to address new terrorist threats? ○ How can updates on BSM good practices and knowledge products from organizations like CTED, UNOCT, UNODC, World Customs Organization (WCO) and the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) contribute to these efforts? • Linkages Between Counter-Terrorism Efforts, Threat and Risk Analysis, and Law Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can counter-terrorism efforts be linked with threat and risk analysis to develop effective law enforcement and border security capacities? ○ What holistic approaches can be adopted to ensure these efforts comply with human rights standards and are gender-sensitive?
<p>13:00-14:45</p>	<p>Lunch Break Venue: Golden Ballroom, 7 floor, St. Regis Hotel</p>
<p>13:15-14:45</p>	<p>Side Event: “New Good Practices for Border Security and Management” (organised by the UNOCT Border Security Management Programme) at “Al Dana” ballroom, St. Regis Hotel</p>

14:45-16:00	<p>Continuation of Ministerial Session: Leveraging Multilateralism to Achieve Enhanced Counter-Terrorism Cooperation around the World</p> <p>The list of speakers from the morning’s ministerial session will continue into this segment</p>
16:00-18:00	<p>THEMATIC SESSION I: Addressing Global Border Security Challenges: Regional Insights from Central Asia, League of Arab States and Africa</p> <p>Co-chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Hamad Al-Mashaan, Assistant Foreign Minister for Development and International Cooperation, State of Kuwait • Mr. Manuchehr Mahmudzoda, Head of Unified Information Center on Prevention of Terrorism, Extremism and Cybercrimes, General Prosecutor Office, Republic of Tajikistan <p>Keynote speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Terhi Hakala, Ambassador, European Union Special Representative for Central Asia (7 min) • Mr. Abdel-Fatau Musah, Commissioner Political Affairs Peace and Security, ECOWAS Commission (7 min) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Christine Bradley, Chief of Section, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (7 min) • Mr. Colin Smith, Coordinator, United Nations Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team (7 min) • Brigadier General Bader Al Rasheedi, Department of Border Security, Ministry of Interior, State of Kuwait (7 min) • Mr. Ruben Sanchez, Assistant Director for Counter-Terrorism Operations, INTERPOL (7 min) • Ms. Alvina Samjawon, Senior Thematic Specialist, Immigration and Border Governance (IBG), Regional Office for West and Central Africa, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mauritius (7 min)

	<p>Key issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Global Border Security Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the primary global border security challenges currently faced by countries worldwide? ○ How do these challenges manifest differently in Central Asia, the League of Arab States countries, and Africa? What are the best practices? ○ What are the common factors contributing to border security vulnerabilities across different regions? • Regional Insights on Border Security Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How have Central Asia, the League of Arab States and Africa addressed these issues, and what lessons can be drawn from their experiences? ○ How do regional security dynamics impact border security strategies in these areas? • UNOCT’s Border related capacity building programmes (border security, counter-terrorism travel, autonomous and remotely operated systems) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the expected outcomes and benefits of implementing these programmes? • Policy and Legal Frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do existing policy and legal frameworks support or hinder effective border security in these regions? ○ What reforms are needed to strengthen the legal and regulatory environment for border security? ○ How can countries ensure that robust border security measures comply with human rights standards?
	<p>Questions and Observations from the Floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)</p>
<p>18:30</p>	<p>Official Reception for the Conference Participants by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait (toast: FM of Kuwait and Tajikistan, USG OCT) Venue: Crystal Ballroom</p>

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<p>8:15-9:45</p>	<p>Side Event: “Protecting critical energy infrastructure from terrorist threats” (organized by the UNOCT Vulnerable Targets Programme) at “Al Dana” Ballroom, St. Regis Hotel</p>
<p>10:00-13:00</p>	<p>THEMATIC SESSION II: Border Security in the context of porous borders and new technologies: Tackling Capacity Gaps and Enhancing Cooperation</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations <p>Keynote speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), (Pre-Recorded Video) • Mr. Kaha Imnadze, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Asia and Head of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (7 min) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohammed Abdulrahman Rabea, Colonel Staff, and Mr. Mohammed Sager AlFudhala, Colonel Staff, Ministry of Defense, State of Kuwait (7 min) • Mr. John Carson, Assistant Port Director for Passenger Operations at JFK Airport (7 min) • Mr. Arturo Varriale, Director, Service to Counteract International Terrorism and Extremism, Italy (7 min) • Mr. Ben Saul, Special Rapporteur on human rights while countering terrorism (Pre-Recorded Video) • Ms. Arlette Lompo, Deputy Chief, Burkina Faso Border Technical Commission (7 min) • Ms. Malika Dodoeva, Director of Javononi Peshsaf (Young leaders), Tajikistan (7 min)

	<p>Key issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understanding Porous Borders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do porous borders impact national and regional security? ○ What are the most significant challenges faced by countries with porous borders? ○ What are the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a community around porous borders? ● Leveraging New Technologies and Behavioral Science Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What technological advancements can be leveraged to strengthen border security? How can autonomous and remotely operated systems, including Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), be used in support of border security and territorial surveillance? ○ How can countries leverage and integrate new technologies, including AI and UAS, into existing border security frameworks effectively? ● Addressing Capacity Gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can countries assess and prioritize their border security capacity-building needs? ○ What role can international organizations and donor countries play in addressing these capacity gaps? ○ How can CSOs effectively contribute to building local capacities for border security in regions with limited resources and infrastructure? ● Enhancing Regional and International Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can countries improve regional and international cooperation to address border security challenges? ○ What best practices exist for fostering cross-border collaboration and information sharing? ○ What is the role of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Border Management and Law Enforcement relating to Counter-Terrorism Working Group and how can it be further leveraged to strengthen international cooperation?
	<p>Questions and Observations from the Floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)</p>
<p>13:00-15:00</p>	<p>Lunch Break Venue: Crystal Ballroom</p>

13:15-14:45	Side Event: “Behavioral Analysis and AI for Border Security” organized by BI Hub, at “Al Dana” ballroom, St. Regis Hotel
15:00- 17:00	<p style="text-align: center;">THEMATIC SESSION III: The Way Forward: Building Robust and Effective Border Security Management Strategies and National Action Plans</p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ghada Mudawi, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kuwait <p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Emma Birikorang, Acting Director of Research, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) (7 min) • Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, United Nations Department of Peace Operations (Pre-Recorded Video) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rocco Messina, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (7 min) • Ms. Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (Pre-Recorded Video) • Mr. Musaad Mohammed Al Shammari, Public Prosecution Office, State of Kuwait (7 min) • Mr. Mosa Alshehri, International Cooperation & Partnerships, General Manager, National Security Travelers Center (NTSC), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (7 min) • Ms. Marian Abduba, Open Minds Community Focus (OMCF), youth leader, Republic of Kenya (7 min)

Key issues to be addressed:

- **Principles of Rule of Law in Border Security**
 - What are the challenges in implementing rule of law-based border security strategies
 - What are possible solutions to these challenges?
- **Developing Effective National Action Plans**
 - What are the essential components of a comprehensive national action plan for border security?
 - How can countries develop and implement these plans in a way that addresses their specific security needs?
 - What roles do different stakeholders (government, security forces, civil society, private sector, academia, think tanks, and international partners) play in the development and implementation of these plans?
- **Promoting compliance with human rights**
 - How can border security strategies be designed to comply with human rights requirements?
 - What are the possible guidelines for use of behavioral science in security?
 - How can countries ensure that vulnerable populations and border communities are protected in the context of border security operations?
- **Promoting gender-sensitivity**
 - What are the best practices for integrating gender considerations into border security management?
- **Monitoring and Evaluating Border Security Strategies**
 - What metrics and indicators can be used to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of border security strategies?
 - How can countries ensure that their monitoring and evaluation processes are robust and evidence-based?
 - What are the challenges in collecting and analyzing data for border security management, and how can they be addressed?

Questions and Observations from the Floor (3 minutes max. per intervention)

17:00-17:30	Closing Session
	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait
17:30-18:00	<p>Summary Conclusions and Adoption of the Kuwait Declaration on Border Security and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Sirojiddin Muhridin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, United Nations
17:30-18:00	Press Stakeout by the Foreign Ministers of the State of Kuwait and the Republic of Tajikistan and Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations