



UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM

Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism

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Mr. Zouev was designated on 14 September 2025 by the Secretary-General to serve as Acting Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, established by General Assembly resolution 71/291.



Mr. Zouev has served since April 2017 as Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, leading the work of United Nations Police (UNPOL), the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), the Justice and Corrections Service, the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Section, and the Security Sector Reform Unit, and their respective standing capacities in the United Nations Global Service Centre in Brindisi, Italy.

Mr. Zouev joined the United Nations in 1990 and has served with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). In 2016, he was the Global Programme Manager and Special Adviser on Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) at UNDP. Before that, he was the United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Tajikistan between 2011 and 2016. With UNICEF, Mr. Zouev served as Representative in Kazakhstan from 2008 to 2011, having previously held a number of managerial positions at UNICEF Headquarters, covering Central Asia and the Baltics, as well as United Nations and Intergovernmental Affairs.

During his time as Principal Adviser to the Executive Director of UNOPS (2003-2004), Mr. Zouev also served as United Nations Senior Coordinator leading development of the Interagency Post-Crisis Needs Assessment for Haiti, in Port-au-Prince.

Prior to joining the United Nations, he worked as a Dean at his alma mater, the Moscow State Institute/University for International Relations (MGIMO) while also serving in his country's diplomatic service from 1987 to 1990, working primarily on United Nations, as well as social and economic development, issues.

Mr. Zouev graduated cum laude in 1980, also earning a Ph.D. in development economics from MGIMO in 1983. He has authored numerous books and articles on social and economic aspects of development.

Born in 1958, he is married and has three children and four grandchildren.