Counter-Terrorism Leadership

- USG Voronkov briefed the EU Ambassadors of the Political and Security Committee on the evolving terrorist threat and UNOCT’s political and programmatic priorities, including Victims of Terrorism, counter terrorist travel and FITs. (5 November, Brussels)

- USG Voronkov met with representatives of the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to strengthen international counter-terrorism collaboration and explore areas for joint capacity building cooperation. USG Voronkov signed an agreement with the EU (DEVCO) that supports the UN-EU Countering Terrorist Travel Partnership. (5 November, Brussels)

- Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to the USG, met with Europol to discuss possible areas of cooperation for 2020. Mr. Gregorian also met with representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and Belgium; the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism and the World Customs Organization. Along with other UN representatives, he also participated in the UN-EU Steering Committee on Crisis Management. (18-20 November, The Hague and Brussels)

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Highlights

- UNOCT together with INTERPOL, launched the handbook on “Using the Internet and Social Media for Counter-Terrorism Investigations” and presented it to more than 92 Member States’ delegates, as well as UN staff (21 November, New York)

High-Level Regional Conference

- The High-Level Regional Conference on “Prevention of Radicalization to Terrorism: Regional Policy Responses and Risk Mitigation”, co-organized by Hungary and UNOCT, brought together over 200 participants from 61 Member States, international and regional organizations, UN entities, civil society, academia and the private sector. (7-8 November, Budapest)

- A Host Country Agreement establishing a UNOCT Regional Programme Support Office in Budapest, was signed between Hungary and UNOCT on the sidelines of the Conference. (7 November, Budapest)

Capacity Building

UNOCT since January 2019:

- 2,123 INDIVIDUALS TRAINED
- 64 WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- UNOCT organized a two-day Expert Meeting on Promoting South-South Cooperation (SSC) in CT/PCVE, attended by experts from 16 countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, UN Global CT Coordination Compact entities and regional organizations to explore ways to enhance collaboration. (20-21 November, New York)

UNOCT in partnership with:

- UNRCCA, conducted a two-day training for more than 40 participants from Central Asia, to share experiences and good practices in countering the use of the Internet for propaganda and recruitment purposes. (13-14 November, Bishkek)

- NATAL, (Israel Trauma and Resiliency Center), held a Brown Bag discussion on Victims of Terrorism and the Power of Resilience to explore the nexus between trauma and resilience. (18 November, New York)

- OHCHR, delivered a five-day training-of-trainers workshop to 33 law enforcement and security officials from Jordan, Iraq and Tunisia. (23-27 November, Amman)

- SPID - UNOCT Special Projects and Innovation Division

- UNOCT supported the work of the Special Parliamentary Committee on Counter-Terrorism of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean which was hosted by the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The meeting was attended by 110 high-level representatives from more than 20 Parliaments and Italian counter-terrorism institutions. (30 November, Rome)

- At the workshop organized by OSCE, UNOCT, CTED and INTERPOL, over 50 participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia welcomed the UNOCT-CTED-INTERPOL Compendium of good practices on the protection of critical infrastructure. (19-21 November, Skopje)
UN Global CT Strategy

Pillar I
Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

Pillar II
Preventing and combating terrorism

Pillar III
Building States’ capacity and strengthening the role of the UN

Pillar IV
Ensuring human rights and the rule of law

Unoct Mandate

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the office has 5 functions:

- Provide leadership on the GA counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the UN system;
- Enhance coordination and coherence across the 38 Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global CT Strategy;
- Strengthen delivery of UN counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States;
- Improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for UN counter-terrorism efforts;
- Ensure that due priority is given to counter-terrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy.

To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 42 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. It operates through its Coordination Committee and 8 thematic Inter-Agency Working Groups, which were revitalized in April 2019, providing an “All-of-UN approach” to the system's work on counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism, as conducive to terrorism.

The office provides most of its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), which was established by an initial contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund in 2011. UNCCT has an Advisory Board composed of 21 Member States plus the European Union (EU) as a Guest Member.

Top Contributors to the Trust Fund

The Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism has received funding of $233.73 million and $11.5 million in in-kind contributions since inception in 2009 to the end of November 2019. Overall top donors to date:

- European Union
- Japan
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Norway
- Russian Federation
- State of Qatar
- Spain
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America
- Other 20 contributors