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International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of

Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)", held on the margins of the

Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on

the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), USG

Voronkov stressed that universal adherence to this key

legal instrument remains an essential goal as it facilitates

international cooperation, including the exchange of

information on nuclear security threats, prosecution and

extradition of suspects. (3 August)

## Leadership



USG Voronkov briefed the UN Security Council with Mr. Chen, CTED's Acting Executive Director, on the Secretary-General's <u>15th</u> report on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh). USG Voronkov emphasized

the continuous threat posed by Da'esh and its affiliates to international peace and security, in particular the exploitation of conflict dynamics, governance fragilities and inequality to incite, plan and organize terrorist attacks. (9 August)

At the high-level event on "Reinforcing the global nuclear security architecture: Universalization of the

## Highlights

The fifth International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism, organized by UNOCT in collaboration with the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism (GoF of VoT), commemorated through was a virtual event under the theme "Surviving Terrorism: The Power of Memories". The event featured the participation of the UN Secretary-General Mr. António Guterres and the co-chairs of

the GoF of VoT, Irag and Spain. During the event, USG Voronkov emphasized that the power of memories inspires us to work harder and increase our efforts to uphold the rights and support the needs of victims. The cornerstone of the fifth International Day was the "Memories" campaign, which

through film and photography tells the stories of victims of terrorism from across the globe who share their memories, emotions and the meaning they attach to a personal object. The virtual event can be viewed on UN Web TV and on UN YouTube channel. (21 August)







# About UNOCT

The Office provides its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) and the Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB). UNCCT 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. SPIB was established following a contribution by the State of Qatar as part of the Contribution Agreement between UNOCT and the State of Qatar signed in 2018.

To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 45 entities, was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. The Compact operates thanks to a contribution of the State of Qatar. It operates through its Coordination Committee and eight 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.

# **UNOCT Mandate**

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has five 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 counterterrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy

### **UNOCT Office Structure** www.un.org/counterterrorism/office-structure

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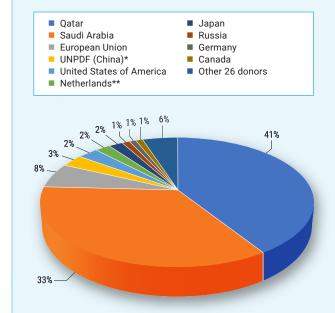


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## **Top Contributors to UNOCT**

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$337.9 million, out of which \$256.2 million has been received from 36 donors. Overall, the top donors to date are:



\* Allocation from the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund

\*\* In addition, in-kind contribution provided by the Netherlands (valued at \$11.5 million in 2018) and Hungary (\$534 thousand in 2021).



<b>Pillar I</b> Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism	<b>Pillar II</b> Preventing and combating terrorism
<b>Pillar III</b> Building States' capacity and strengthening the role of the UN	<b>Pillar IV</b> Ensuring human rights and the rule of law

### **Recent Contributions to UNOCT**

UNOCT received contributions in support for the following programmes:

- USA: \$268,539 for the expansion of United Nations Programme on Threat Assessment Models (TAM) activities in Nigeria
- France: \$114,366 to support UNOCT activities in DRC

## Capacity-building

### **UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**



**UNCCT** held a <u>workshop</u> on national legislation on firearms for Uzbek officials in Tashkent to achieve an enhanced normative and institutional framework, and regulatory measures, to prevent and counter terrorist illicit access to small arms and light weapons (SALW), in particular through illicit

manufacturing, trafficking or diversion. During the workshop participants had the opportunity to discuss recommendations relating to the harmonization of the national legislation of Uzbekistan in line with international and regional instruments related to countering illicit SALW trafficking and its links to terrorism. (16-17 August)

### **Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)**

The Global Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel) and the Philippines Bureau of Immigration and Coast Guard conducted a joint scoping mission in the southeastern Philippines to successfully test the capability of the technology to collect and transmit biographical and biometric information using dummy data. The scoping mission was a milestone in the CT



Travel Programme's efforts to expand its scope of assistance from air to maritime domain. (8-10 August)

**The Global Programme on Autonomous and Remotely Operated Systems** (AROS Programme), in partnership with the United Nations Global Service Centre (UNGSC) and UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), held two Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operator training courses in Issyk-Kul for 24 Kyrgyz officials in charge of preventing and countering terrorism-related activities. The courses

provided participants with a comprehensive theoretical and operational overview on the use of micro-UAS to support efforts aimed at preventing and countering terrorism-related activities. (3-24 August)

