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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs and, referring to Note Verbal LA/COD/11/1 dated 6 January 2020 concerning General Assembly resolution 74/194, has the honour to submit herewith the information regarding measures taken by Ukraine to eliminate international terrorism.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## Information on measures taken by Ukraine to eliminate international terrorism

Ukraine is a full-fledged party to 17 Conventions and Protocols, which regulate different aspects of counter-terrorism.

Pursuant to the UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) and FATF Recommendations, on 6 December 2019 a new Law "On prevention and countering legalization of proceeds from criminal activity (money-laundering) for financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction" (hereinafter – the Law) was adopted; the Law entered into force on 28 April 2020.

According to the Law, a new norm, which stipulates the freezing of assets linked to terrorism, WMD proliferation and financing of the related activity, is introduced in conformity with relevant Security Council resolutions. Terrorists' assets freeze is implemented immediately for an indefinite period unless an individual or entity concerned is excluded from the UN sanction list.

According to the Law, the State Service of Financial Monitoring of Ukraine is authorized to maintain a control list (hereinafter – the List) of individuals and entities that are linked with terrorist activity and included in relevant international sanction lists. The List is based on data received from the Security Service of Ukraine, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine as well as information from the official UN web-site regarding inclusion/exclusion or introducing any other changes into the UN sanction lists. It also includes individuals and organizations that are subject to decisions of Ukraine's administrative courts (Article 11-1 of the Law of Ukraine "On Countering Terrorism").

The List is open for access of both private and public sector, including the entities engaged in countering money laundering and terrorism financing activities.

During 2017-2019 Ukraine submitted several requests for listing of individuals for further consideration by the United Nations Security Council 1267 Sanctions Committee. In 2020 Ukraine co-sponsored the US proposal to include into the sanctions list of the UN Security Council Committee 1267/1989/2253 five additional groups related to ISIS, namely: ISIS-Bangladesh, ISIS-Philippines, ISIS-Libya, ISIS-Yemen, Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD).

Pursuant to the UN Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014) and the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Prevention of Terrorism (2005), the Security Service of Ukraine has drafted the Law of Ukraine on amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine (Article 258-6 "Terrorism Training" and Article 258-7 "Leaving Ukraine and Entering Ukraine for Terrorist Purposes"). These amendments stipulate criminal liability for financing of certain acts related to terrorism.

Pursuant to the UN Security Council Resolution 2396 (2017), the Security Service of Ukraine systematically exchanges information related to foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) with Interpol, law enforcement and other special authorities of other states and participates in the Council of Europe Project "Network 24/7".

The special services of Ukraine frequently detect attempts of international terrorist organizations, such as ISIS, "Al Qaeda" and others terrorist groups to establish the networks of FTFs' transfer through the territory of Ukraine, to plan and prepare

terrorist acts, to finance terrorist activities, mainly through collection and transfer of funds using a non-bank money transfer system "hawala".

The special services of Ukraine investigate these cases with the involvement of financial intelligence units of the State Financial Monitoring Service of Ukraine and the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine, as well as in cooperation with international partners.

During 2017-2019 the Security Service of Ukraine suspended activity of 9 transnational logistics networks of international terrorist organizations (in 2019 -1 transnational logistics network) and 19 "transfer points" (in 2019 – 2 transfer points). Beginning from 2019, Ukraine has prohibited entry to its territory for 329 individuals, affiliated with the international terrorist organizations, and expelled or forcibly returned 6 members of the international terrorist organizations. In addition, the following measures have been taken by the Security Service of Ukraine in 2019:

- 5 FTFs wanted by Interpol were arrested on the territory of Ukraine;
- 6 members of international terrorist organizations were prosecuted under the general criminal articles of the Criminal Code of Ukraine;
- 15 cases concerning organizers of channels of transportation of FTFs were submitted to the court (under articles 258-3, 258-5, 263, 332, 358 of Criminal Code of Ukraine) (in 2019 3 cases);
- termination of the illegal scheme of issuing passports of citizens of Ukraine, including biometric passports, to FTFs.

In November, 2019, the head of a unit of ISIS known as Al Bara Shishani, who participated in terrorist activities in the Syrian Arab Republic, was arrested on the territory of Ukraine. Al Bara Shishani was an amir of the Ahadun Ahat Jamaat (Jamaat Panay), from 2013 to 2016 he hold the post of Deputy Amir of the Islamic State. Al Bara Shishani coordinated the activities of special units ("Amniat") of ISIS on recruitment and training of suicide bombers, as well as planning of terrorist acts in the European Union from the territory of Ukraine.

In 2019 two new departments (Counter-Terrorism Department and Department for Supervision of Criminal Proceedings in Armed Conflict) were established in the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine.