Information Note

Event: Meeting of United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) entities

Date & Venue: 13-15 October 2009; Vienna, Austria

Organized by: United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)

Participants: CTITF entities

1. Objectives

- Review progress in coordinating the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.
- Exchange information and share experiences in areas identified within the respective mandates of the CTITF members to facilitate implementation of resolutions relevant to counter-terrorism, including resolution 1540 (2004).
- Coordinate awareness-raising efforts and assistance requests to facilitate implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

2. Background

The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, approved by General Assembly resolution 60/288 of September 2006, combines UN counter terrorism policy and legal responses emanating from the General Assembly, the Security Council, and relevant UN Specialized Agencies into one coherent framework. CTITF was established by the Secretary General to ensure the coordination and consistency of counter-terrorism efforts.

3. Highlights

The coordinators of the eight working groups of CTITF reported the progress made during the past year and explained the challenges faced in their respective areas: (a) preventing and responding to WMD attacks; (b) tackling the financing of terrorism; (c) approaches to integrated assistance for counter-terrorism (I-ACT) to interested Member States (d) strengthening the protection of vulnerable targets; (e) countering the use of the internet for terrorist purposes; (f) promoting human rights while countering terrorism, (g) preventing and resolving conflicts; (h) supporting and highlighting victims of terrorism.

4. Additional comments

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