

## **New online tool to support counter-terrorism efforts at the border**

The Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Working Group on Border Management Relating to Counter-Terrorism announced the online publication of a Compendium of legal instruments, standards and recommended practices relating to border-management during a briefing to Member States on 18 June 2012 in New York.

The **Compendium**, which can be consulted at the Working Group's [webpage](#), is a unique, comprehensive point of reference for Member States and staff members, containing over 300 resources which have been submitted by a dozen UN and international organizations whose work encompasses aspects of border security. It is accessible through a flexible, searchable and user-friendly database and covers a wide variety of border management issues from the movement and mobility of people to early warning and alert systems.

"The idea of the Compendium is to create a platform where relevant legal, institutional and practical border control measures to counter-terrorism can be found in one easily accessible location," said Hassan Baage, Deputy Head of the Assessment and Technical Assistance Office of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED).

Muhammad Rafiuddin Shah, representing the CTITF, commended the Working group's accomplishment. "This Compendium was not easy to compile. Hundreds of references were collected and verified; many frameworks and conventions were studied; and numerous consultations were held."

The World Customs Organization, which co-chairs the CTITF working group with CTED and INTERPOL, hailed the Compendium as an "important step forward in the cooperation of international partners" recommended "both for the managerial and the operational level".

William Elliott, Special Representative of INTERPOL to the United Nations acknowledged the "collaborative efforts of all the members of the Working Group" in producing this "practical and comprehensive guide". Members include the 1267/1989 Monitoring Team; 1540 Committee Expert Group; ICAO; IMO; IOM; OHCHR; UNICRI; UNODA; UNODC; and UNHCR as an observer.

The Compendium provides references on mobility and processing of people; integrity and security of document issuing process; movement of cash and other bearer negotiable instruments; movement and processing of goods; movement of small arms; maritime security; aviation security; early warning and alert systems; control of light weapons, ammunition and explosives and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials.

The Working Group will now embark on publicizing the Compendium in the field, a step which Member State representatives undertook to support through informing their capitals about the Compendium.

The Working Group will also begin developing a framework for coordinated border management that will focus on the activities of border-control agencies during the pre-arrival, arrival and post-clearance phases of a border crossing. The framework will assist Member States' efforts to develop a coordinated approach by border control agencies to better enable them to share the information needed for effective decision making on potential risk situations and also better enable them to integrate the necessary human and technological capacities to improve the legal, institutional and practical mechanisms to protect their borders.