



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 June 2016

Excellency,

I refer to the process of the fifth review of the United Nations Counter Terrorism Strategy. In this regard, please find attached a letter from the Secretary-General, dated 9 June, 2016 in response to the request of Member States for information related to the United Nations counter-terrorism architecture.

Also, I wish to confirm to you that the General Assembly will take up item 117, entitled “The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy” at 3:00pm on 30 June and on 1 July. As in the past, the participation of counter-terrorism experts from capitals would make for a particularly useful and fruitful debate.

I encourage Member States to continue to be actively involved in the consultations led by the co-facilitators, H.E. Mr. Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina and H.E. Mr. Einar Gunnarsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland, in order to reach consensus on this important issue.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the
United Nations
New York



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 June 2016

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 31 May 2016. I have been following closely the consultations of the General Assembly on the review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy based on my report (A/70/826) and the Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (A/70/674-A/70/675). I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and to the Co-Facilitators, His Excellency Mr. Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina, and His Excellency Mr. Einar Gunnarsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland, for your concerted efforts in facilitating the consultations on the review.

Since assuming office, I have made concerted efforts to strengthen coordination and coherence of United Nations counter-terrorism activities. I have tasked the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), which currently comprises 38 entities, under the leadership of its Chairman, Under-Secretary-General Jeffrey Feltman, to continue to strengthen its coordination and coherence efforts and to periodically report directly to me on the progress achieved. In addition, coordination between Mr. Feltman and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, continues to be close.

I am also pleased with the considerable progress that has been made in strengthening coordination through the revitalized CTITF Inter-Agency Working Groups in priority areas of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. I am encouraged by the progress that has been made in coordination between the relevant Security Council and General Assembly counter-terrorism bodies, as recently demonstrated by the development of a comprehensive and well-coordinated Foreign Terrorist Fighters Capacity-Building Implementation Plan.

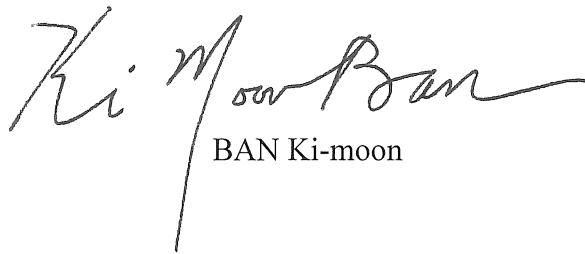
I have also recently emphasized to all heads of United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes the importance of collaborative United Nations system-wide action in supporting Member States to address the growing threat of terrorism and violent extremism at the global, regional and national levels.

His Excellency
Mr. Mogens Lykketoft
President of the General Assembly
New York

I wish to assure you that, on the basis of the outcome of the current General Assembly review process, I am committed to doing my utmost to ensure the effective coordination and coherence of United Nations counter-terrorism activities across all four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, both at United Nations Headquarters and in the field, without changing the overall architecture. Member States may wish to use the review to make recommendations to my successor on the United Nations counter-terrorism architecture.

Let me express my sincere gratitude for your support and for our close cooperation on countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism. I very much hope that the General Assembly will be able to adopt a strong consensus outcome resolution on its fifth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and will support the recommendations of my Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon