



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 March 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, a letter from H.E. Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations, the co-facilitators overseeing the seventh biennial review of the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (GCTS).

Sequel to consultations with my Office, the letter from the co-facilitators conveys the decision to cancel the informal meeting of the process, hitherto scheduled for 16 March 2020, and to substitute it with a new format. According to the new format, delegations are to submit all inputs electronically to the focal points indicated in aforementioned letter. The co-facilitators are also available to engage directly with respective Member States and/or Groups.

The decision to adopt a new format was taken in light of the rapidly evolving situation of the global spread of COVID-19 and its impact on public health, as well as the need to take measures to curb the spread of the disease and safeguard the health of colleagues.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic
of Egypt to the United Nations



New York, March 13, 2020

Excellencies,

During the last weeks, the Co-facilitators have attempted to reach out to the largest possible number of Regional Groups and Member States to have a preliminary exchange of views before the release of the zero draft of the Seventh Biannual Review of the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) resolution. The purpose of the meeting on Monday 16th March was to extend this possibility to all Member States in an open and transparent manner, with a view of informing and guiding the co-facilitators in their task.

Given the rapidly evolving situation regarding the COVID-19, and after consultations with the PGA Office, the Co-facilitators believe it is in the best interest to cancel the aforementioned meeting and to substitute it with another method, thus ask Member States to submit in writing their inputs in relation to the questions highlighted in our letter of 5th March.

Individualized contacts/consultations with willing Member States and/or Groups of States are also available with the Co-facilitators and their teams.

Member States are kindly invited to send their inputs to Mr. David Izquierdo, Counsellor at the Mission of Spain (Email: david.izquierdo@maec.es), and Mr. Ahmed Abdelaziz, Legal Adviser of the Mission of Egypt (Email: ahmed.abdelaziz.mfa@gmail.com).

Please accept, your Excellencies, the assurance of our highest consideration.



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