



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 March 2020

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 20 November 2019, and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/284, I have the honour to inform that the General Assembly will consider the agenda item 118, entitled "The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy" at the plenary meeting on Monday, 29 June 2020, at the General Assembly Hall.

In this regard, I further have the honour to enclose herewith a letter, dated 5 March 2020, from H.E. Mr. Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Agustin Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of the Spain to the United Nations, the co-facilitators for the seventh review of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy, informing Member States of the first meeting to be held on Monday, 16 March 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Hereafter, in order to better assist Member States in the preparation of their consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which has been issued as A/74/677, I will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly to allow Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, to brief Member States on the main points of the report. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 25 March 2020, at 10 a.m., in the ECOSOC Chamber.

I take this opportunity to encourage active participation and support of Member States throughout the review process of the Global Counter Terrorism Strategy.

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

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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, 5 March 2020

Excellencies,

On 20 November 2019, the President of the General Assembly informed Member States of the appointment of the undersigned, Mohamed Edrees, Permanent Representative of Egypt, and Agustin Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of Spain, to co-facilitate the Seventh Biannual Review of the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) on his behalf.

We would like to thank the President of the General Assembly for entrusting us with this crucial task, which we intend to carry out in utmost transparency, inclusivity, and impartiality.

As it has been the case with previous GCTS reviews, the Seventh review will undertake the examination of the progress made in the implementation of the Strategy, as well as considering updating it to respond to developments since the Sixth review (General Assembly resolution 72/284).

In this regard, the Co-facilitators intend to hold the first meeting of the Seventh review process on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10:00 in the Trusteeship Council chamber for preliminary exchange of views on the review process. The purpose of this meeting is to inform and guide the Co-facilitators in preparing the Zero draft of the review resolution, which they envisage to release by the end of March 2020.

The Co-facilitators look forward to listening to the priorities and views of Member States on an array of issues pertaining to the review, including *inter alia*:

- The question of possible streamlining of the review resolution.
- Contemporary and evolving counter-terrorism issues, which Member States would like to address during the Seventh review.
- Identifying areas of convergence.
- Reflecting on the recent developments in counter-terrorism since the Sixth review, including relevant resolutions adopted since 2018.

In the meeting, the Co-facilitators will also inform Member States of their program of work during the upcoming weeks.

Should Member States have any queries at this stage, or would like to schedule bilateral meetings with the Co-facilitators at any point of time, they are kindly invited to approach Mr. David Izquierdo, Counselor at the Mission of Spain (Email: david.izquierdo@maec.es ), and Dr. Ahmed Abdelaziz, Legal Adviser of the Mission of Egypt (Email: ahmed.abdelaziz.mfa@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to a fruitful and open discussion in the meeting, paving the way forward for a successful and open review process.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.



Mohamed Edrees

Co- facilitator  
Permanent Representative of Egypt  
to the United Nations



Agustin Santos Maraver

Co-facilitator  
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to the United Nations

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