

Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on kidnapping for ransom and hostage-taking committed by terrorist groups

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Draft agenda

10:00-10:10 **Opening session**

Opening statements:

- CTC Chair
- CTED Executive Director

10:10-10:40 **Session I: Threat Assessment**

Moderator: CTC Chair or Vice-Chair

Topics:

- Mapping of incidents
- Kidnapping for ransom as one of the sources of terrorism-financing

Panellists:

- *Hostage-taking and kidnapping for ransom by Al Qaida*, Mr. Alexander Evans, Coordinator, 1267 Monitoring Team
- *The AU assessment of the threat*, African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism/African Union

Questions and answers

10:40-11:40 **Session II: National Responses**

Moderator: CTC Chair or Vice-Chair

Topics:

- Measures and initiatives to prevent incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking committed by terrorist groups
- Legal, policy and operational measures to prevent benefitting from ransom payments
- Preparedness and interagency coordination of law enforcement for crisis management
- Outreach to nationals, local communities, private and non-profit sectors

Panellists:

- *Perspective of an affected Member State*, Representative of Australia
- *Perspective of an affected Member State*, Representative of Colombia
- *Perspective of an affected Member State*, Representative of Nigeria
- *Perspective of an affected Member State*, Representative of UK

Open discussion

11:40-12:55 **Session III: International Cooperation**

Moderator: CTC Chair or Vice-Chair

Topics:

- International cooperation, sharing of information and tracking money flows
- Addressing violations and abuses of human rights associated with hostage-taking and kidnapping for ransom
- Building countries' capacities to implement UNSCR 2133
- Lessons learned and international voluntary good practices such as the GCTF "Algiers Memorandum"

Panellists:

- *The international legal regime*, TPB, UNODC
- *Use of police cooperation tools*, INTERPOL
- *Financial intelligence sharing*, FATF
- *Human Rights dimension*, OHCHR
- *Capacity building*, CTED

Open discussion

12:55-13:00 **Closing session**

Closing statement: CTC Chair