Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on “Terrorist Threats to Civil Aviation”

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Draft Agenda

3.00-3.15 p.m. Opening plenary session

Opening statements:

- H.E. Mr. Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta, Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee
- Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

3:15-3:25 p.m. Summary of CTED technical sessions

Rapporteurs of CTED/ICAO-organized technical sessions will present the main findings of the technical sessions

- Mr. David Scharia, Deputy Head of ATA Office, CTED
- Ms. Lina Cepeda, Political Affairs Officer, CTED; Rapporteur on gaps and challenges
- Ms. Anne-Maria Seesmaa, Associate Legal Officer, CTED; Rapporteur on conclusions and recommendations

3.25-4.00 p.m. Session I: The threat: identifying gaps and vulnerabilities relevant to aviation security

The current terrorist threat and risk environment demands that aviation security remain a high priority for Member States and for the international community. Security Council resolution 2309 (2016) calls on all States to comply with their treaty obligations and international responsibilities as they relate to aviation security. Despite Member States’ introduction of strengthened security measures, terrorists continue to perceive civil aviation as an attractive target and to seek to exploit real or perceived vulnerabilities in the international civil aviation system with the aim of committing unlawful interference against civil aviation.

Moderator: Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee
Rapporteur: CTED
Panellists:
Mr. Jean-Philippe Morange, Senior Legal Officer, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Mr. Mark Rodmell, Representative of the United Kingdom on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

4.00-4.35 p.m. Session II: Promoting implementation of the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) relevant to safeguarding civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference

Protecting international civil aviation requires that all access points be secured against those who may seek to commit an act of unlawful interference and against materials that may be used for that purpose. Effective implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) set forth in Annex 17 — Security and the relevant security-related Standards of Annex 9 — Facilitation to the Convention on International Civil Aviation is the essential foundation of an effective aviation security infrastructure. Member States have the primary responsibility to introduce effective national security policies and procedures and to ensure proper coordination by national agencies and other stakeholders. Member States are also called upon to assist ICAO to continue to enhance audit, capacity building, and training programmes in order to support implementation.

Moderator: Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee
Rapporteur: CTED
Panellists:

- Mr. Bernard Lim, Director, International Relations and Security, Ministry of Transport, Singapore
- Ms. Patricia Reverdy, Deputy Executive Secretary, European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC)
- Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer, Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

4.35-5.10 p.m. Session III: Inter-agency cooperation in strengthening Member States’ capacity to implement Security Council resolution 2309 (2016)

In order to effectively and sustainably implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 2309 (2016) and the SARPs, States should continue to develop partnerships with international organizations, development institutions and industry stakeholders aimed at building capacities and facilitating technical assistance delivery. ICAO, the Counter-Terrorism Committee, CTED and the CTITF should continue to strengthen their cooperation in this regard, including within the framework of the Committee’s country assessment visits.
Moderator: Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee
Rapporteur: CTED
Panellists:

- Mr. Nikolay Y. Zakhryapin, Deputy Minister of Transport, The Russian Federation
- Mr. James Bradbury, Transport and Energy Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to the USA
- Mr. Emmanuel Roux, Special Representative of the International Police Organization (INTERPOL) to the United Nations

5.10-5.45 p.m.  Question-and-answer session

5.45-6.00 p.m.  Closing session

Closing remarks:

- Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)
- Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Chair’s closing statement:

- H.E. Mr. Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta, Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee