Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Concept Note

Open briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee

“Technical guide to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant resolutions”

United Nations Headquarters, New York, 21 December 2017
Economic and Social Council Chamber

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) is required to assist the Counter-Terrorism Committee to monitor, facilitate and promote the implementation by Member States of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014). In this regard, the Committee has requested CTED to update its 2009 Technical Guide to reflect the requirements of the relevant recent Council resolutions on terrorism. The Guide is intended as a reference tool, to be consulted during visits conducted by CTED on behalf of the Committee with a view to ensuring consistent analysis of States’ implementation efforts.


3. The Guide does not purport to impose any obligations upon States apart from those that already exist by virtue of the relevant Council resolutions and decisions, international treaties, customary international law, or other voluntarily undertaken obligations. It addresses those aspects of international law (in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law) that are relevant to the implementation of the relevant Council resolutions.

II. Objective of proposed open briefing

4. The purpose of the open briefing is to inform Member States about the updated version of the Technical Guide and promote the Guide as a practical reference tool.

III. Format of discussions and topics

5. CTED experts will present the Guide, focusing on major updates in the following areas: (i) comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies; (ii) counter-financing of terrorism; (iii) border security and arms trafficking; (iv) law enforcement; (v) general issues, including legislation, criminal justice and international cooperation; (vi) the mainstreaming of human rights aspects of counter-terrorism; (vii) prohibition of incitement to terrorism and countering violent
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extremism; (viii) information and communications technologies (ICT); and (ix) integration of
gender dimension into peace and security efforts, including counter-terrorism.

6. The Committee Chair will act as Chair and moderator.

7. CTED will circulate an annotated agenda and meeting documentation, which will also be
posted on the Committee’s website.

IV. Date and venue

8. The open briefing will be held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 21 December
2017, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

V. Outcome

9. Member States will be informed about the main additions and updates to the Technical
Guide. The English-language version of the Guide will be posted on the Committee’s website. The
Guide will be available in all six official languages of the United Nations at the end of January
2018.

VI. Communications

10. CTED will promote the open briefing through the appropriate channels. A press release
may be issued following the meeting.