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Executive Directorate (CTED)**

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***Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,***

Terrorism continues to pose grave threat to international peace and security.

The threat from Da'esh continues, as they recalibrate their strategic and operational methods and expand to newer battlefields.

We have also witnessed them regrouping in their traditional geographic centre. This has resulted in a resurgence of violence in Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The threats from violent extremism conducive to terrorism around the world need to be carefully monitored.

Terrorist groups, regardless of their affiliation, continue to exploit online platforms, including gaming, to recruit and radicalize, raise funds, plan attacks, disseminate propaganda, and livestream attacks.

Resulting poverty and social inequalities in many regions, as well as fallouts from emergency measures impacting human rights during the pandemic has the potential to increase existing grievances. This in turn can fuel radicalization to violence.

A number of CTED analytical products have also described the evolving terrorism landscape and emerging trends, which include its recent report on "Civil society perspectives: Da'esh in Africa - Key trends and developments", the report on concerns

over the use of proceeds from the exploitation, trade, and trafficking of natural resources for the purposes of terrorism financing. CTED will host a virtual launch event on this topic on tomorrow.

CTED has also produced a report on “Masculinities and Violent Extremism”. The report examines how violent extremist and terrorist groups across the ideological spectrum exploit masculinities in their efforts to recruit and retain members.

Meanwhile, I wish to provide a brief update on CTED activities undertaken under the policy guidance of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the mandate of the relevant Security Council resolutions to work with Member States to address those threats and challenges. Such activities include resuming in-person assessment visits to Member States on the Counter-Terrorism Committee’s behalf to discuss the progress, updates, strengths, shortfalls, technical assistance needs and useful experience and practices in implementing Council resolutions.

Of special interest, CTED is supporting the Counter-Terrorism Committee in its organization of a Special Meeting to be held from 28-30 October in India on the topic of emerging technologies and their use by terrorists and also in countering terrorism. The special meeting will focus on the use of Information and Communication Technologies, such as the Internet and social media platforms, the use of financial technologies, such as cryptocurrencies and online fundraising platforms, and also the use of unmanned aircraft systems such as drones. The special meeting will be open to all Member States and we would request you to consider this introduction as a “save the date” for the participation of your representatives in this event. In lead-up to the special meeting, CTED will organize technical meetings with operational partners, technical and financial entities in the private sector, and also civil society organizations to discuss the main themes of the special meeting and identify areas of success, challenge, and ways forward.

In other areas, CTED has continued its strong partnership with UNOCT, under the “One UN” approach, activities in critical thematic areas to enhance the capacity-building of Member States. They range from Counter-Terrorism Travel Programme, Fusion Cell Programme, the Small Arms-Crime Nexus Programme to the Border Management Programme and responsible use of Biometrics.

For country-specific, CTED has also supported Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria in strengthening coherent regional responses to persons associated to Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa Province in line with Security Council resolutions and the Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Resilience and Recovery of the Lake Chad Basin.

CTED has also continued to engage CSOs, by holding a hybrid roundtable in June with representatives of civil society from South-East Europe. The event focused on the role of civil society in the development and implementation of comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies in the subregion.

CTED will continue to work with UNOCT and other Global Compact entities, and Member States in effective implementation of the relevant Council resolutions.

Thank you.