PRESS RELEASE

CTED Launches Trends Alert on “Member States Concerned By The Growing and Increasingly Transnational Threat of Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism”

New York, 1 April 2020 – Today, the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) launched its fourth Trends Alert, “Member States Concerned By The Growing and Increasingly Transnational Threat of Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism.” Member States have alerted CTED to their increasing concern at the growing and increasingly transnational threat posed by extreme right-wing terrorism. With research indicating a 320% rise in terrorist attacks by groups or individuals affiliated with such movements and ideologies over the last five years, CTED’s latest Trends Alert explores the key challenges, current approaches to address this threat, and existing guidance.

The report was prepared by CTED in accordance with Security Council resolution 2395 (2017). This reaffirms the essential role of CTED within the United Nations to identify and assess issues, trends and developments relating to the implementation of Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), 2396 (2017) and other relevant resolutions.

CTED Trends Alerts are designed to increase awareness, both within the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and among United Nations agencies and policymakers, of emerging trends identified through CTED’s engagement with Member States on their implementation of the relevant Council resolutions. The Alerts also include relevant evidence-based research conducted by members of the CTED Global Research Network (GRN) and other researchers.

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**Background**

Established by the Security Council, the **Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED)** is a Special Political Mission of the United Nations, tasked with assisting the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee in monitoring the effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. CTED conducts on-site country assessments visits with Member States’ approval to identify progress made and remaining challenges in addressing threats posed by terrorists to international peace and security. The findings of the assessment visit also constitute the basis for the concerned technical assistance and capacity-building projects. **Michèle Coninsx** was appointed Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on 11 August 2017.

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC)** was established by Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which was adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001 in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks in the United States. The Committee, comprising all 15 Security Council members, was tasked with monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), which requested countries to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal, institutional and operational abilities to counter terrorist activities at home, in their regions and around the world. On 28 February 2020, **H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb**, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations, was appointed Chair of CTC.