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Counter-Terrorism Committee issues outcome document following special meeting commemorating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the Committee’s establishment

New York, 4 November 2021 – The Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee today issued an [outcome document](#) at the conclusion of its special meeting commemorating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the Committee’s establishment.

The purpose of the special meeting was to provide participants with an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and continuing challenges in implementing resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant resolutions.

“The Security Council’s adoption of its resolution 1373, 20 years ago, was a landmark in addressing the grave threat of terrorism to international peace and security”, said H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations and Chair of the Committee.

The Council established the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) in 2004 to support the Committee in its political and technical dialogue with Member States aimed at assisting them to achieve full and effective implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and its successors.

Acting on the Committee’s behalf, CTED has visited 117 Member States and completed a total of 181 comprehensive, focused, regional or follow-up visits.

The Council will review the renewal of CTED’s mandate at the end of 2021.

“I commend the role played by the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate to promote the implementation of resolution 1373 through guidance and dialogue with Member States, international and regional organizations, and civil society. Inclusive, multilateral cooperation is vital to tackling present and future counter-terrorism challenges,” said Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Chef de Cabinet to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The outcome document recognizes that, over the past 20 years, Member States have achieved notable successes and taken significant steps in their efforts to implement resolution 1373 (2001).

Those successes include the significant increase in the number of States’ becoming parties to the international counter-terrorism instruments and criminalizing terrorist offences; the strengthening of criminal justice systems; the successful prosecution of terrorist cases; the introduction of robust



measures to counter terrorism financing; and the introduction of measures to enhance cooperation at the political, technical and operational levels.

The outcome document also notes that this progress has been reflected in the Global Survey of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant resolutions by Member States and the Global Survey of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) by Member States, which are prepared by CTED. The updated versions of the two surveys were also issued today.

An overview of the two surveys is available [here](#).

Participants noted that, despite the significant achievements of the past two decades, the global terrorist threat continues to evolve.

“We face a number of new and significant challenges, such as new tactics and operational methods employed by terrorist groups; the return and relocation of foreign terrorist fighters and family members; the increasing links between transnational crime and terrorism; and the terrorist acts motivated by xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, and violent extremism conducive to terrorism”, said Assistant Secretary-General Michèle Coninx, Executive Director of CTED.

“We also face the threat posed by the misuse of ICT and other technological developments such as artificial intelligence, cryptocurrencies, and 3D printing for terrorist purposes, as well as issues relating to the roles of women and children in terrorism, restrictions on humanitarian assistance operations, and shrinking civic space”, she added.

The special meeting was held in hybrid format in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York. It was attended by representatives of Member States, as well as a broad range of United Nations and other partners, including international and regional organizations and civil society organizations.

To watch the full meeting or to access statements, please visit the CTC [website](#).

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Background

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 carried out in the United States. The Committee (which consists of all 15 Members of the Security Council) was tasked with monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), which requests States 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.

H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations, was appointed Chair of the Committee on 25 September 2020.

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)** was established by the Council as a special political mission of the United Nations, tasked with assisting the Counter-Terrorism Committee in monitoring Member States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. Acting on the Committee's behalf, CTED conducts on-site country assessments visits, with the consent of the host State, to identify progress made and remaining challenges in addressing threats posed by terrorists to international peace and security. The findings of the assessment visits also form the basis for technical assistance and capacity-building projects delivered by partner entities.

Ms. Michèle Coninx was appointed Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of CTED by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on 11 August 2017.