

**Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**

**UNOCT Ambassadorial-level Quarterly Briefing to Member States**

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**Statement of**

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*Thank you, Under-Secretary-General Voronkov.*

*Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,*

Terrorism continues to pose a grave threat to international peace and security, hence the need for us to continue our collective efforts to tackle all its forms and manifestations, including its drivers and new and emerging trends and challenges.

The biannual review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy this year will offer another good opportunity to discuss ways and means for effective implementation of the four pillars of the Strategy, as well as how the UN Counter-Terrorism architecture will work further with Member States to achieve the goals of the Strategy and Council resolutions, with more impact and deliverables.

In this regard, I also welcome the fact that 25 of our OCT colleagues have been added to the UN regular budget posts, with the support of the Member States.

CTED has been an active member and strong supporter of the work of the UN Global CT Coordination Compact.

CTED has shared with UNOCT and within the Compact framework its assessment reports and stocktaking files of

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Member States to assist Compact entities in designing technical assistance and capacity-building activities, including to further the balanced implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy across all four pillars.

Besides, the summary assessment of gaps in implementing key countering the financing of terrorism provisions of Security Council resolutions, which was shared with the Global Compact earlier this year, and is accessible to all on the CTC's website.

Under the mandate of the Security Council and the policy guidance of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, CTED continues its unique role in assessing the implementation of counter-terrorism measures by Member States.

In 2022, we conducted, on behalf of the Committee, assessment visits to 11 Member States,<sup>1</sup> and we will continue this important exercise throughout this year.

Later this year, CTED will provide a report to the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 11 of Council resolution 2617 (2021), recommending ways to strengthen our assessment function, with a particular focus on effectiveness, transparency and inclusivity.

CTED has also continued its work on analysing new counter-terrorism trends and challenges, for example with our most recent publications on “Civil society perspectives on engagement in countering terrorism and violent extremism in South-East

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<sup>1</sup> Bulgaria; Belgium; Iraq; Nigeria; Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania); Malaysia; Fiji; Samoa; Uzbekistan.

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Europe” and “The management of violent extremist prisoners and the prevention of radicalization to violence in prisons”.

In accordance with resolution 2462 (2019), CTED provides this assessment annually on the basis of its reporting and in consultation with the Monitoring Team to UNOCT, through the Committee.

We also remain actively engaged with all our partners, including the private sector, academia, civil society and the Global Research Network, within a whole-of-society, human rights-compliant and gender-sensitive framework.

CTED has also supported the Counter-Terrorism Committee in organizing a special meeting in October last year, with the adoption of the Delhi Declaration on Countering the Use of New and Emerging Technologies for Terrorist Purposes.

In this regard, CTED is working closely with the Committee, and our partners, to develop a set of non-binding guiding principles to assist Member States, and also to produce a gap analysis on the capacities of Member States to address those threats.

Last but not the least, the key mandated functions and activities of CTED will also require a sufficient, sound and sustained financial basis and CTED will continue to count on the Member States for its support in the new budget cycle.

*Thank you.*