

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

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Coordination Compact Committee

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Remarks of

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Thank you, Under-Secretary-General Voronkov.

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

I welcome the opportunity to provide a brief update on CTED's work.

CTED has resumed the on-site country assessment visits to Member States on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

We have recently conducted physical visits to Bulgaria and Belgium, and a few other missions are being arranged in the coming months.

Such engagements and dialogues enable the Committee and CTED to learn about the progress, strength, useful experience and new challenges, as well as needs for capacity-building in implementation of relevant Council resolutions.

CTED has also continued to work closely with UNOCT, the Compact Secretariat and entities to further improve the sharing of technical assistance needs identified during the assessment visits, with a view to facilitating the design of targeted capacity-building projects and programmes.

CTED and UNOCT, as Co-Chairs of the Global Compact Working Group on National and Regional Counter-Terrorism Strategies, have organized exclusive briefings for UN entities with a view to exploring possible areas for follow-up.

CTED is working on sharing its desk review country profiles, like the overview of implementation assessments (or “OIAs”) on the Coordination Compact online platform. The OIAs provide a concise overview of the implementation status of the relevant Security Council resolutions by the State concerned, key Committee recommendations, and technical assistance needs.

CTED also continues to analyse new and emerging terrorism trends, threats and challenges and to bring them to the attention of the Council, the Committee, and the wider UN membership, including by organizing open briefings of the CTC, like the March open briefing on “Countering terrorist narratives and the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes”, and the April joint open briefing of the Committee and the ISIL and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee on “Da’esh in Africa”.

These briefings continue to provide invaluable opportunities to reflect on concerns and trends and identify lessons learned as we move forward together to address the constantly evolving global terrorist threat.

I wish to reaffirm CTED’s continued commitment to support the “whole of UN” initiatives and activities and thank UNOCT for continuing to play its leading coordination role in that regard.

Thank you.