

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Counter-Terrorism Committee holds press briefing at United Nations Headquarters Friday, 7 October 2022

On Friday, 7 October 2022, H.E. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and Chair of the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, will lead a press briefing at United Nations Headquarters.

H.E. Ms. Ruchira Kamboj will brief members of the media on the Counter-Terrorism Committee special meeting to be held in Mumbai, India on 28 October 2022 and New Delhi, India on 29 October 2022. Mr. David Scharia, Director and Chief of the Technical Expertise and Research Branch of the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), will also be present at the press briefing to answer questions.

The briefing will take place Friday, 7 October in the United Nations Press Briefing Room, S-237, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

With the prevalence of technology and the rapid rise in digitization, the use of new and emerging technologies to counter terrorism is a topic of growing interest among Member States, policymakers and researchers, particularly in the context of the increasing role played by technology in terrorism and counter-terrorism. This is addressed by the Security Council in a number of counter-terrorism related resolutions, most recently resolution 2617 (2021), which explicitly cited "emerging technologies". Mindful of the increasing threat posed by the misuse of new and emerging technologies, the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee has decided to hold a special meeting on this theme, with the support of its Executive Directorate (CTED).

The special meeting will specifically focus on three significant areas where emerging technologies are experiencing rapid development, growing use by Member States (including for security and counter-terrorism purposes), and increasing threat of abuse for terrorism purposes, namely (a) the Internet and social media, (b) terrorism financing, and (c) unmanned aerial systems (UAS). It will provide opportunities to discuss existing and evolving threats, the deployment of new and emerging technology to counter those threats, continuing challenges and good practices, as well as a range of related human rights and gender considerations.

Additional information, including the agenda and concept note for the special meeting is available here: : <a href="https://tinyurl.com/UNCTCEmergingTech">https://tinyurl.com/UNCTCEmergingTech</a>

Agenda Concept Note		
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