

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

**Meeting of the Security Council on the  
sixteenth report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by Da'esh to international peace and security  
and the range of United Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat**

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***Madam President, Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,***

**The threat Da'esh and its affiliates pose globally has not diminished. It presents a complex, evolving and enduring threat in both conflict and non-conflict zones.**

**In the Secretary-General's report, the following points are apparent.**

**First, Da'esh continues to exploit local fragilities and intercommunal tensions, particularly in Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic, and parts of the African continent, in particular in terrorist recruitment.**

**Second, as noted by Under Secretary-General Voronkov in his remarks, Da'esh, years after suffering its losses, has sustained its ability to carry out operations across diverse regions and expand its base of affiliated entities, notably in parts of Central, Southern and Western Africa. The visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee to Nigeria in October 2022 confirmed this assessment.**

**Third, generating revenue and fundraising have become critical for Da'esh, through a wide range of ways, including extortion, looting, smuggling, taxation, soliciting donations and kidnapping-for-ransom.**

**We have also seen the increased use of the means deployed to raise money through social media and gaming platforms, while unregistered informal cash transfer networks and mobile money services continue to be the dominant means of moving money.**

**Finally, Da'esh's access to conventional and improvised weapons, including components of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and information and communications technologies continue to contribute to the terrorist menace.**

**Using improvised, stolen or illegally trafficked weapons, Da'esh has launched lethal attacks against a range of targets.**

**Da'esh's access to information and communications technologies allows it to diversify its tactics. Its misuse of the Internet and social media platforms for propaganda increases its ability to access audiences and incite violence among followers.**

**There are also other aspects of concern.**

**The speed continues to be protracted at which foreign nationals – women and men, children and the elderly – with**

**alleged links to Da'esh, in camps and prisons of north-eastern Syria are being repatriated to their countries of origin.**

**These conditions provide Da'esh with ongoing opportunities to recruit from camps and prisons and facilitate radicalization to violence and the spread of terrorism.**

*Madam President,*

**CTED continues to implement its mandate in line with Council resolution 2617 (2021) to counter the complex threat of Da'esh and its affiliates.**

**Through country assessments and the analysis of emerging trends, issues and developments, CTED facilitates Member States' understanding of the evolving threat and their implementation of the provisions of relevant Council resolutions.**

**Based on the Counter-Terrorism Committee’s recommendations, CTED closely coordinates with UNOCT and other Compact partners to support capacity-building activities, in a range of thematic areas, such as the continued support to Lake Chad Basin countries to strengthen cross-border cooperation and develop comprehensive approaches to screening, prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration.**

**The Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED have also ramped up efforts to address terrorists’ use of new and emerging technologies. The Delhi Declaration, adopted by the Committee last October, called for efforts to develop recommendations and non-binding guiding principles to assist Member States in implementing relevant Council resolutions on countering terrorism and, specifically, terrorist use of new and emerging technologies. CTED will provide its fullest support to the Committee in this regard.**

主席女士，

我们只有通过多边合作，才能成功有效地应对不断变化的全球恐怖主义威胁。

为了制定和实施有效的反恐战略和措施，我们必须要有前瞻性、整体性和协调性，并采用“全联合国”的方法。

我们的措施必须要量身定做、注意到年龄和性别的因素并符合人权要求。

反恐局将继续致力于支持安理会和反恐委员会在这方面的努力，同时与所有利益相关方和参与者通力协作。

谢谢主席女士。

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***Madam President,***

**It is only by working multilaterally and cooperatively will we succeed in mounting an effective response to the evolving global terrorist threat.**

**To develop and implement effective counter-terrorism strategies and measures, it is vital that we apply a forward-looking, holistic, and coordinated, “All-of-UN” approach.**

**Our measures must be tailor-made, age- and gender-responsive, and human rights-compliant.**

**CTED remains dedicated to supporting the Council, the Counter-Terrorism Committee in these endeavours while collaborating with all relevant stakeholders and players.**

*Thank you, Madam President.*