

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Ninth Meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Committee

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Dear USG Voronkov, Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

Terrorism continues and remains a constantly evolving transnational threat.

Today, the global community is confronted with several emerging challenges, in addition to existing ones. Terrorist violence has been unfolding across geographic theatres and continues under the post Covid-19 era.

Besides the threat posed by Da'esh and its affiliates, growing acts of violence by actors motivated by xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance are posing additional risks.

We need continued concerted efforts to effectively address these complexities.

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact is one such platform, providing enhanced coordination and coherence in our counter-terrorism efforts, and CTED has been an active member and strong supporter since its inception.

CTED has its unique role and functions under the mandates by the Security Council and the policy guidance of its Counter-Terrorism Committee, in (a) assessing the implementation of counter-terrorism measures by Member States; (b) analysing new counter-terrorism trends and challenges; (c) facilitating the provision of technical assistance to Member States in need, and (d) promoting international standards, codes and best practices and useful experience to address terrorism issues.

CTED has shared with UNOCT and within the Compact Framework its assessment reports and stocktaking files of Member States in order for Compact entities to consider designing technical assistance and capacity-building activities, including in furthering the balanced implementation of the GCTS across all four pillars.

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

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

Integrating the latest data- and evidence-based research into policy can significantly improve our counter-terrorism programmes and practices.

The identification and collection of data and the harnessing new technologies have ushered in breakthroughs in investigations of potential war crimes assisted in assessing the effectiveness of

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countering terrorism finance and money-laundering, and conducting content moderation of online platforms.

It is essential to consider concerns regarding data storage, privacy and human rights.

The Secretary-General's guidelines on strategies for new technologies serve for useful reference for Member States use of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and big data in counter-terrorism operations, both in their operational and intelligence domains.

Member States should also comply with existing human rights mechanisms, particularly on issues of privacy, civil liberties, and transparency and accountability.

To advance the discussions on these key issues on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes, CTED supported the Counter-Terrorism Committee in organizing a special meeting in October last year, with the adoption of the Delhi Declaration.

CTED stands ready to support the Committee in developing a set of non-binding guiding principles to assist Member States, and in consultation with our partners, and to produce a gap analysis on the capacities of Member States to address those threats.

CTED will continue its strong partnership and engagement with UNOCT and other Global Compact entities as "One UN", as we continue our collective efforts to counter terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

Thank you.