

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

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Annual Forum of Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance

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Statement of

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Excellencies, distinguished participants,

I am delighted to join you in opening today's Annual Forum of Beneficiaries.

CTED welcomes the initiative of Qatar and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism to organize and host this important event.

As you may be aware, CTED supports the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee by monitoring, promoting and facilitating Member States' implementation of the relevant Council resolutions.

CTED conducts expert assessment visits to Member States on behalf of the Committee, and based on visit recommendations, CTED works closely with its partner organisations to facilitate the delivery of technical assistance.

CTED has a longstanding, fruitful relationship with Qatar and has twice visited Qatar.

CTED has observed Qatar's evolving good practices, particularly with respect to effective coordination, sophisticated use of technology, and proactive international cooperation.

CTED has also noted Qatar’s readiness to support others — not just through UN mechanisms, but also bilaterally.

While we acknowledge Qatar’s financial support for UN counter-terrorism programmes, it is also important to acknowledge that Qatar contributes significant intellectual capital, particularly by sharing its expertise and good practices and by supporting research and academic study.

Security Council resolution 2617 (2021), adopted late last year, makes numerous references to cooperation between CTED and other member entities of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, in particular UNOCT, in the areas of capacity-building.

The resolution reaffirms the value of the recommendations arising out of CTED’s assessments, conducted on the Committee’s behalf, and calls on United Nations funds and programmes, Member States, donors, and recipients to use those assessments in the design of technical assistance and capacity-building efforts, including in furthering the balanced implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Since late 2017, the Council has requested that CTED share its country assessment reports with UN partners, with the agreement of the visited States.

More than 20 adopted country visit reports have been made available to all 43 Global Coordination Compact entities via the online Global Compact Platform.

We believe it is important for Member States to redouble their commitment to fulfilling their obligations under the requirements of Council resolutions, while capacity-building also remains key for many which are making their efforts to do so.

CTED looks forward to hearing your ideas, during the round tables, about how its recommendations could be better utilized in the design of technical assistance and capacity-building.

We believe the outcomes of our discussions should be able to reflect those important elements, as well as the effectiveness and sustainability of technical assistance, the “whole-of-Government” and “whole-of-society” perspectives in accordance with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

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Through a multilateral and increasingly inclusive approach, we have sought to assist Member States in their efforts to develop and implement comprehensive legal, institutional, and operational frameworks to counter terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

We have consistently sought to adapt our responses to the many complex evolutions in the global terrorist threat.

That threat will no doubt continue to evolve in the years to come, and many significant challenges remain, with the prevailing impact of Covid-19 Pandemic.

In order to mount effective responses to those challenges, we must continue to work together, learn from each other’s experiences, and ensure that our efforts are informed by international best practices.

I look forward to a productive series of discussions today.

Thank you.