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Counter-Terrorism Committee and 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee hold joint open briefing on “ISIL in Africa: nature of threat and responses”

New York, 7 April 2022 – The Counter-Terrorism Committee and the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee today held a joint open briefing at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on the theme, “ISIL in Africa: nature of threat and responses”.

The discussions served to highlight the evolution of the threat posed to Africa by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), also known as Daesh, as well as Member States’ responses to the threat in areas where ISIL’s aspirations pose specific challenges.

Held in hybrid format, the joint open briefing was attended by representatives of Member States, analysts, policymakers, representatives of civil society, and researchers — including members of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)’s Global Research Network (GRN).

The threat posed by ISIL in Africa is also the focus of a recent CTED report entitled, “[Civil Society Perspectives: ISIL in Africa – Key Trends and Developments](#)”, which reflects the outcomes of two virtual round tables that were convened by CTED in October and November 2021 and were attended by more than 50 representatives of African civil society organizations (CSOs) located in 15 Member States.

Highlights from the report — including proposals made by civil society to improve responses — were presented during the joint open briefing, which was led by H.E. Mr. T. S. Tirumurti, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, and H.E. Ms. Trine Heimerback, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, serving in her capacity as Chair of the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee.

“Since 2015, CTED, the [Analytical Support and Sanctions] Monitoring Team and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism have prepared strategic-level reports every six months on behalf of the Secretary-General, which reflect the gravity of the threat posed by ISIL and highlight the range of United Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat. ISIL affiliates have established a presence in all regions of Africa. The increased use of narratives by ISIL — presenting the continent at the core of its fight and showcasing the increased volume of attacks perpetrated by ISIL affiliates, which have caused a large number of casualties — clearly demonstrates its interest in Africa”, stated H.E. Mr. T. S. Tirumurti.

“Member States’ implementation of ‘1267 sanctions measures’ is critical in preventing terrorism and countering ISIL-affiliated groups on the continent,” stated H.E. Ms. Trine Heimerback.

The presenters included H. E. Mr. Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations; Rear Admiral Yaminu Musa, Coordinator of Nigeria's Counter-Terrorism Centre; Mr. Weixiong Chen, Acting Executive Director of CTED; Mr. Edmund Fitton-Brown, Coordinator of the above-mentioned Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; and representatives of Africa-based CSOs.

The meeting featured panel discussions and provided an overview of the threat posed by ISIL in Africa, as well as responses, progress achieved, and challenges.

Click [here](#) to watch the full meeting.

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Background

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC)** was established by Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which was adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001 in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks carried out in the United States. The Committee (which consists of all 15 Members of the Security Council) was tasked with monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), which requests States to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal, institutional and operational abilities to counter terrorist activities at home, in their regions, and around the world.

H.E. Mr. T. S. Tirumurti, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, was appointed Chair of the Committee on 13 January 2022.

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)** was established by the Council as a special political mission of the United Nations, tasked with assisting the Counter-Terrorism Committee in monitoring Member States' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. Acting on the Committee's behalf, CTED conducts on-site country assessments visits, with the consent of the host State, to identify progress made and remaining challenges in addressing threats posed by terrorists to international peace and security. The findings of the assessment visits also form the basis for technical assistance and capacity-building projects delivered by partner entities.

The **ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee**, initially established pursuant to Council resolution 1267 (1999), oversees sanctions measures imposed by the Council, currently including an assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo targeting listed individuals and entities. The Committee is mandated to, inter alia, designate individuals and entities who meet the listing criteria set out in the relevant resolutions, consider and decide upon asset-freezing exemption requests and delisting requests from the ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List, conduct periodic and specialized reviews of the entries on the ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List, examine the reports presented by the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team regarding the implementation of the sanctions measures, and conduct outreach activities.

H.E. Ms. Trine Heimerback, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, was appointed Chair of the 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee in January 2021.

The 1267/1989/2253 ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee is supported by the **Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team**, which currently consists of 10 experts, based in New York. The Monitoring Team's mandate includes periodic reporting on the implementation of sanctions measures, as well as the evolving nature of the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida, and affiliated groups.