

**Open briefing on South-East European Member States’
implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions and
the Committee’s visit recommendations**

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Closing Statement of

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Counter-Terrorism Committee**

Excellencies, distinguished representatives, ladies and gentlemen,

It has been a pleasure to chair today’s briefing, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies, international and regional entities and civil society organizations who have joined us.

As we heard in the presentations by our speakers today, no State or region is immune to the threat of terrorism. While the risk of terrorist attacks in South-East Europe remains low, we must remain vigilant and continue making sure that Member States of the subregion are fully equipped with the necessary legal, regulatory, infrastructural and coordination tools to abate this threat.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee commends the Member States of South-East Europe for their efforts to prosecute, rehabilitate and reintegrate returning foreign terrorist fighters and accompanying family members. Governments of the subregion should continue assisting women and children associated with foreign terrorist fighters who may be victims of terrorism, and to do so taking into account gender and age sensitivities.

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

The Committee, supported by CTED, will continue closely monitoring and promoting implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions on counter-terrorism by South-East European Member States to support their efforts to effectively address emerging threats and challenges and are in line with the requirements of the Security Council.

Member States must ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law.

I would like to conclude by conveying my sincere appreciation to the members of the Committee, CTED, the Committee's secretariat, the interpreters and all participants in today's open briefing for contributing to the important and meaningful discussion.

Thank you.