

**Virtual roundtable of the Global Research Network: 20 years of research into emerging threats, trends and developments in terrorism and counter-terrorism**

*Thursday, 7 January 2021, 09:00 – 10:30 (EDT)*

**Concept Note**

**I. Introduction**

1. On 28 September 2001, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1373, establishing the basis of the Security Council’s response in countering the terrorist threat. The resolution also established the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) as a subsidiary body of the Council to assess Member States’ compliance with the resolution’s provisions. In the nearly twenty years since its adoption, the terrorist threat has ebbed and flowed in intensity and evolved in terms of its nature and source. Counter-terrorism responses have also evolved and expanded in scope during the same time period, with the Council playing an increasingly substantial role through its resolutions and guidance documents.

2. In its resolution 2395 (2017), the Council recognizes CTED’s relationships with relevant experts in (inter alia) academia and think tanks, and takes note of the value of these experts in briefings, workshops, the Global Research Network (GRN), and open meetings to support the efforts of the CTC to advance implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. Resolution 2395 (2017) also reiterates CTED’s essential role of identifying emerging issues, trends and developments relating to the implementation of these resolutions and reiterates the importance of work with relevant partners in this area, including through its GRN.

3. On 12 January 2021, the Security Council - under the presidency of the Tunisian Government - will hold an event commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of resolution 1373 (2001) and the establishment of the CTC. In the lead up to, and in support of this event, CTED will organize a virtual GRN roundtable to reflect on key trends, challenges and lessons learned from the last 20 years of countering the terrorist threat.

**II. Security Council High-Level Meeting**

4. During the high-level meeting on 12 January, Member States are encouraged to assess the progress made in creating the necessary legal and institutional frameworks related to the prevention and countering of terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism and to highlight possible existing gaps and challenges in terms of international cooperation. The meeting should also contribute to identifying emerging trends and to laying the groundwork for common priorities that would shape the future multilateral action.

5. It is expected that the Security Council meeting will be held at ministerial level and chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia. An outcome document, most likely a Presidential Statement based on consensual language, is envisaged.

### **III. Objective of virtual open briefing**

6. The purpose of the virtual roundtable is to bring together members of CTED's GRN with policymakers, practitioners, civil society and other researchers for an interactive discussion on key trends, challenges and lessons learned from the last 20 years of counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE), focused on how these lessons, trends and challenges should impact future policy responses.

### **IV. Format of discussions and topics**

7. The roundtable will be split into two complementary and overlapping sessions, one examining key trends and development over the past 20 years, and the second anticipating the future counter-terrorism and terrorism landscapes. Both will be discussions with expert GRN researchers from across the globe, moderated by a member of the GRN.

8. The virtual roundtable will be held via CISCO WebEx and broadcasted on UN Web TV.

9. Interested participants are asked to register at this [link](#).

### **V. Date and venue**

10. The virtual round table meeting will take place on Thursday, 7 January 2021, from 09:00 (EDT) to 10:30 (EDT) and will be accessible via a link provided by CTED the day prior.