

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

Statement - CTC Special Meeting on November 4, 2021

- My delegation is thankful for this opportunity to reflect upon the past and to look to the future. The past 20 years have witnessed our strategy evolving, but our commitment remains unwavering in freeing the world from the scourge of terrorism.
- We appreciate the CTC and CTED for their contributions in having helped implement Council resolutions for the past two decades.
- With this in mind, I would like to make a few forward-looking comments.
- First, we appreciate today's briefings and Global Surveys, which I believe serve not just as a collection of information, but also as a means for each State to look into its own status.
- My delegation welcomes the launch of the cloud-based CTED assessment portal and hopes in the same vein that this portal can develop into and ultimately function as a kind of online self-assessment tool with the help of ICT and standardization.
- Second, in terms of context-specific effectiveness, however, the surveys cannot replace on-site dialogue. My delegation would like to see this interactive in-person process revitalized after the pandemic and expect it to be complementary and mutually reinforcing with the survey efforts.
- Third, as the CTC and CTED do not provide technical assistance on their own, partnership is vital to making improvements based on CTED's diagnosis. We hope that any follow-up improvements are shared with CTED for further evaluation and comments in order to learn from them.
- Fourth, the next front for counter-terrorism lies in the digital space, and its structure requires public/private partnerships. The private sector is seeking guidance on what to regulate and how. My delegation anticipates CTED's role in maximizing the positivity and minimizing the negativity of ICT, for instance, in helping strike the right balance between countering violent extremism and upholding freedom of expression. In this area, too, it is imperative that women and youth be included.
- Lastly, we should more actively discuss the implications of emerging and new technology on our counter-terrorism efforts, both at the strategic and technical level. I hope that CTED can be also proactive to that end as well. //END.