

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Open meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on “Countering terrorist narratives and preventing the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes”

United Nations Headquarters, New York, Tuesday, 28 January 2020

Summary of discussions

Participants in the open meeting noted the need for continued commitment in countering terrorist narratives and preventing the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, and urged the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate (CTED) to continue their efforts in that regard, including by amplifying positive messages and providing credible alternatives. Participants also noted the need to adopt an all-of-society approach, develop public-private partnerships, and strengthen monitoring & evaluation (M&E).

In May 2017, the Security Council adopted its [resolution 2354](#), a landmark resolution in which the Council welcomes the Committee’s “Comprehensive International Framework to Counter Terrorist Narratives” ([S/2017/375](#)). In accordance with the resolution, the Counter-Terrorism Committee, with the support of CTED held an open meeting in New York on Tuesday, 28 January 2020 to review global developments in the area of countering terrorist narratives.

The open meeting was divided into three sessions, focusing respectively on “Trends and developments in terrorist narratives and possible responses”, “Whole-of-society approaches to countering terrorist narratives and incitement”; and “Regional approaches to countering terrorist narratives”. It was attended by Member States, international and regional organizations, civil society, academia, and the private sector.

Individual Member States noted, inter alia, the need to pay closer attention to racially motivated/“extreme right-wing” violent extremist and terrorist individuals and entities, including lone actors; the importance of developing educational initiatives, including through communities; the need for Member States to comprehensively implement all relevant Security Council resolutions; the need to pay increased attention to families associated with foreign terrorist fighters, as well as to the roles of women; the need for CTED to make full use of information gathered in the context of its assessment visits on behalf of the Committee; and the need for an increased focus on creativity and on voluntary cooperation with relevant platforms and other key stakeholders.

At the conclusion of the discussions, the Committee noted the need to identify next steps, to be discussed at a further meeting to be held later in 2020.

Additional information – including the meeting concept note and agenda, a webcast recording, and presentations and photos, may be consulted at:

<https://www.un.org/sc/ctc/news/2020/01/31/counter-terrorism-committee-holds-open-meeting-countering-terrorist-narratives-preventing-use-internet-terrorist-purposes/>.