

UNOCT Global Coordination Compact

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Statement of

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Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

I welcome the opportunity to update Member States on CTED's work and activities since the previous quarterly briefing, held in January.

Since its emergence in early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to present considerable ongoing and evolving challenges for Member States.

CTED has continued to be at the forefront of monitoring and assessing the impacts of the pandemic on terrorism, counter-terrorism, and countering violent extremism.

Despite the progress in vaccinations made by some Member States, outbreaks continue, and the pandemic remains a global threat.

We need stronger collaboration and cooperation to ensure a more cohesive response to this challenge.

The international community needs to enhance its engagement with all its partners to ensure targeted, human rights-compliant and gender-sensitive counter-terrorism policies that take into account the observed impacts of the pandemic.

Despite fears of increasing terrorism and radicalization to violence, it is still too early to comprehensively assess the impacts of the pandemic on terrorism and counter-terrorism.

A CTED analytical report to be published in June 2021 will present the latest evidence-based research on the impacts of the pandemic, drawn from our close collaboration with partners in Member States, UN agencies, civil society, and the private sector.

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

Allow me now to briefly highlight some of the ways in which CTED has continued to deliver on its mandate, working under the policy guidance of the CTC and in close collaboration and cooperation with our Global Coordination Compact partners:

[1. Hybrid country visits]

- On behalf of the Committee, CTED has completed the virtual components of the hybrid country visits to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Iraq, Lithuania and Malaysia, acting in accordance with the hybrid visit model approved by the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the relevant Member States.

A number of other hybrid visits are upcoming as well.

I wish to thank the CTC for its guidance on such business continuity and those Member States that have hosted the virtual visits already conducted, as well as those States that will receive virtual visits in the coming months.

The format of the visits' virtual components has proven an effective and constructive way to revitalize and maintain the dialogue between Member States and the Committee.

It has also enabled other UN entities and international organizations to continue to work closely with CTED to assist States in their implementation efforts.

We also look forward to building on our constructive virtual dialogue during the hybrid visits' physical components, which will be conducted when circumstances permit.

[2. Development of e-DIS]

- Stocktaking of implementation efforts of Member States is an important and integral part of CTC/CTED undertaking.

CTED has made significant progress in developing a new cloud-based assessment and analytical portal for its main assessment tools: the electronic Detailed Implementation Survey (known as the “e-DIS”, and formerly the “DIS”), as well as a revised Overview of Implementation Assessment (or “OIA”).

Developed in accordance with Security Council resolution 2395 (2017), this portal will help the Committee and CTED understand the most updated counter-terrorism situation in each State, including progress, strengths, shortfalls, technical assistance needs and effective practices.

The development of these new tools will improve their utility to Member States, donors, recipients, UNOCT and other United Nations agencies for the purpose of designing technical assistance and capacity-building support.

[3. Participation in all-of-UN programmes]

- In the context of its collaboration in the various UNOCT-UNCCT Global Programmes, CTED, acting in accordance with its mandate to facilitate the delivery of technical assistance, continues to play a key role in leading the capacity-building virtual missions falling under these “All-of-UN approach” programmes, which included:
 - a virtual mission to Kyrgyzstan, conducted in April on addressing the connection between terrorism, organized crime and the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons in Central Asia;
 - a virtual mission under the UNOCT Programme on National-Level Inter-agency Coordination Mechanism - Fusion Cell to Ghana, conducted in May;
 - a virtual mission to Mongolia under the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, conducted in April, with one other virtual mission to be conducted to South Africa this month.
- CTED also continues its close collaboration with UN partners, particularly UNODC and UNOCT, on PRR-related matters, in Indonesia in Asia and countries in the Lake Chad Basin, contributing to the development of relevant capacity building activities, reflecting the outcome of CTC assessments and the relevant Security Council resolutions.

CTED’s engagement under these programmes is aimed at facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to Member States and ensuring that capacity-building implementation plans are designed on the basis of the CTC’s visit recommendations.

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In conclusion, let me assure you that CTED will continue to enhance its dialogue, information-sharing and partnership with its Global Coordination Compact partners in its efforts to assist Member States to counter terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism, ensuring a tangible impact on the ground.

Thank you.