

[Draft concept note]

Open briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee

“Technical guide to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant resolutions”

*United Nations Headquarters, New York, 21 December 2017
Economic and Social Council Chamber*

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) is required to assist the Counter-Terrorism Committee to monitor, facilitate and promote the implementation by Member States of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014). In this regard, the Committee has requested CTED to update its 2009 Technical Guide to reflect the requirements of the relevant recent Council resolutions on terrorism. The Guide is intended as a reference tool, to be consulted during visits conducted by CTED on behalf of the Committee with a view to ensuring consistent analysis of States' implementation efforts.

2. The updated Guide addresses each paragraph of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and also identifies critical provisions of 2178 (2014). It also takes into account the requirements of resolutions 2129 (2013), 2133 (2014), 2178 (2014), 2195 (2014), 2220 (2015), 2242 (2015), 2253 (2015), 2309 (2016), 2322 (2016), 2331 (2016), 2341 (2017), 2354 (2017) and 2370 (2017) in order to reflect their additional elements.

3. The Guide does not purport to impose any obligations upon States apart from those that already exist by virtue of the relevant Council resolutions and decisions, international treaties, customary international law, or other voluntarily undertaken obligations. It addresses those aspects of international law (in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law) that are relevant to the implementation of the relevant Council resolutions.

II. Objective of proposed open briefing

4. The purpose of the open briefing is to inform Member States about the updated version of the Technical Guide and promote the Guide as a practical reference tool.

III. Format of discussions and topics

5. CTED experts will present the Guide, focusing on major updates in the following areas: (i) comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies; (ii) counter-financing of terrorism; (iii) border security and arms trafficking; (iv) law enforcement; (v) general issues, including legislation, criminal justice and international cooperation; (vi) the mainstreaming of human rights aspects of counter-terrorism; (vii) prohibition of incitement to terrorism and countering violent

extremism; (viii) information and communications technologies (ICT); and (ix) integration of gender dimension into peace and security efforts, including counter-terrorism.

6. The Committee Chair will act as Chair and moderator.

7. CTED will circulate an annotated agenda and meeting documentation, which will also be posted on the Committee's website.

IV. Date and venue

8. The open briefing will be held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 21 December 2017, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

V. Outcome

9. Member States will be informed about the main additions and updates to the Technical Guide. The English-language version of the Guide will be posted on the Committee's website. The Guide will be available in all six official languages of the United Nations at the end of January 2018.

VI. Communications

10. CTED will promote the open briefing through the appropriate channels. A press release may be issued following the meeting.

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Draft agenda

3.00-
3.15 p.m.

Opening session

Opening statement:

- H.E. Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta, Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee

CTED overview of updated Technical Guide

- Mr. David Scharia, CTED Chief of Branch

3.15-
4.05 p.m.

Session I: Updates on national and regional counter-terrorism strategy, counter-financing of terrorism, law enforcement and border management, and legal issues and criminal justice issues

- Mr. Ahmed Seif El-Dawla, CTED Chief of Section
- Ms. Delphine Schantz, CTED Coordinator, CFT issues
- Mr. Jean-Philippe Morange, CTED Coordinator, Border Security, Arms Trafficking and Law Enforcement issues
- Mr. Anton Du Plessis, CTED Coordinator, Legal and Criminal Justice issues

4.05-
4.30 p.m.

Question-and-answer session

4:30-
5.10 p.m.

Session II: Updates on mainstreaming of human rights, information and communications technologies (ICT) and gender

- Mr. Edward Flynn, CTED Senior Human Rights Officer
- Mr. Marc Porret, CTED Coordinator, ICT-related issues
- Ms. Naureen Fink, CTED Gender Adviser

5.10 p.m.-
5.35 p.m.

Question-and-answer session

5.35 p.m.-
5.55 p.m.

Closing plenary session

CTED closing statement:

- Assistant Secretary-General Michèle Coninsx, Executive Director, CTED

Chair's closing statement:

- H.E. Amr Abdellatif Aboulatta, Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee