POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

• USG Voronkov and ASG Coninsx briefed the Security Council on the Secretary-General’s 10th report on the threat posed by ISIL to international peace and security and the range of UN efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat. (7 February, New York)

• USG Voronkov and ASG Coninsx briefed the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council on the implementation of the joint report on cooperation between UNOCT and UNCTED pursuant to Security Council resolution 2395 (2017). USG Voronkov highlighted the substantive progress in UNOCT’s collaboration with UNCTED to design and develop capacity-building projects and programmes responsive to Security Council requirements and the technical assistance needs identified by UNCTED. (4 February, New York)

HIGHLIGHTS

• UNOCT, OSCE, and Switzerland, in cooperation with Albania’s OSCE Chairmanship, jointly organized a two-day high-level regional counter-terrorism conference on addressing challenges posed by foreign terrorist fighters. 438 representatives from more than 50 Member States, UN entities, international and regional organizations, as well as 38 civil society organizations participated in the conference. (11-12 February, Vienna)

• UNCT and UNODC jointly launched a project to address the connection between terrorism, organized crime and the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) in Central Asia. The project aims to enhance criminal justice responses to prevent and combat the illicit trafficking of SALW and to disrupt the illicit supply of such arms to terrorist groups. (21 February, New York)

• UNCT, in partnership with UNICRI, UNAOC and the ICSS and in consultation with UNCTED, launched the UN Global Programme on the Security of Major Sporting Events, and Promotion of Sport and its Values as a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism, in conjunction with a two-day expert meeting on the topic. (3 February, New York)

• The UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) became a participated member of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact. The total number of participating entities is now 43, including 38 members and 5 observers. (18 February, New York)

CAPACITY-BUILDING

UN COUNTER-TERRORISM CENTRE - Since January 2020:

• 234 INDIVIDUALS TRAINED
• 11 WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

• UNCT organized a national training on Border Security and Management Good Practices for 35 frontline border security officers in Burkina Faso. Within the framework of the UNOCT-IOM cooperation plan, meetings with Malian authorities were also organized to support the strengthening of the border national strategy with a focus on counter-terrorism. (5-7 February, Ouagadougou)

• UNCT, in collaboration with IGAD SSP, the European Commission and the Council of Europe, organized a workshop for the Sahel, East of Africa and Horn of Africa. The workshop, attended by 65 delegates from 15 Member States, focused on protection of critical infrastructure from terrorist cyber-attacks, relevant national and regional legislation, technical tools and capacity building needs. (18-19 February, Nairobi)

• UNCT, in partnership with OHCHR and MINUSMA, delivered 3 training-of-trainers workshops in Mali and Cameroon for senior and mid-level law enforcement and security officials. (10-14 February, Bamako; 17-21 February, Douala; 24-28 February, Kribi)

SPECIAL PROJECTS & INNOVATION BRANCH

• UNCT concluded a joint mission with IOM and the UK to Azerbaijan to facilitate collaboration with the formal inter-agency working group on API/PNR implementation. The CT Travel Programme presented a technical implementation symposium. (3 February, Baku)

• UNCT, together with UNODC, AIRCOP and ICAO, organized a workshop on the implementation of collection and processing of passenger data with AIRCOP focal points and representatives of civil aviation agencies from 14 West and Central African countries. (26-27 February, Niamey)

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UN GLOBAL COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

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To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 42 entities was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. It operates through its Coordination Committee and 8 thematic Inter-Agency Working Groups, which were revitalized in April 2019, providing an "All-of-UN approach" to the system's work on counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism, as conducive to terrorism.

The Office provides most of its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), which was established by an initial contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund in 2011. UNCCT has an Advisory Board composed of 21 Member States plus the European Union (EU) as a Guest Member.

UNOCT MANDATE

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has 5 functions:

- Provide leadership on the GA counter-terrorism mandates entrusted to the Secretary-General from across the UN system;
- Enhance coordination and coherence across the 38 Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities to ensure the balanced implementation of the four pillars of the UN Global CT Strategy;
- Strengthen delivery of UN counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States;
- Improve visibility, advocacy and resource mobilization for UN counter-terrorism efforts;
- Ensure that due priority is given to counter-terrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy.

UNOCT Office Structure

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