POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- USG Voronkov concluded a two-day visit to the Kingdom of Morocco at the invitation of the Government. He held consultations with high-level officials as part of UNOCT’s efforts to increase engagement with countries in Northern Africa. He also met with the President of the Association of Victims of Terrorism of Morocco. (15-16 January, Rabat)

- Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to the USG, at a roundtable on the role of education in tackling violent extremism, organized by Hamad Bin Khalifa University in partnership with the Institute of International Education, emphasized that universities, research centers, think tanks and UN institutions should collaborate to form a plan using social media outlets and digitization to detect and help in the prevention of violent extremism. (14 January, New York).

HIGHLIGHTS

- USG Voronkov presented UNCCT’s achievements in 2019 and plans for 2020, and briefed on the increase of UNCCT’s capacity-building assistance to Member States at the 19th meeting of UNCCT Advisory Board, chaired by the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and joined by the President of the UN General Assembly. (20 January, New York)

- UNOCT convened a meeting to discuss the momentum around UNOCT-coordinated, all-of-UN technical assistance to Member States that have repatriated or wish to repatriate their nationals associated with terrorist organizations, including FTFs, and their families. (7 January, New York)

CAPACITY-BUILDING

- UNCCT partnered with Italy's Guardia di Finanza to deliver a training on countering the financing of terrorism for 23 Mongolian government officials. (13-17 January, Ostia)

- UNCCT, in partnership with UNCTED and other UN entities, supported the launch event of the ‘GCTF Watchlisting Guidance Manual Initiative’. The Initiative, co-led by the UN and the US, aims to produce a toolkit for strengthening capacities to develop, use, and maintain terrorist watchlists in compliance with international human rights law. (22 January, New York)

- UNCCT, in collaboration with UNCTED, organized a seminar for the Tunisian Counter-Terrorism Committee on designations of terrorist organizations and individuals and the freezing of their assets. (30-31 January, Tunis)

SPECIAL PROJECTS & INNOVATION BRANCH

- In collaboration with Togolese national officials, the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel) and its partners, UNODC, ICAO and INTERPOL worked on programmatic aspects of legislation, establishment of a Passenger Information Unit and engagement with transportation Industry. (30 January, Lomé)

- CT Travel partnered with Ghanaian officials to assess existing national infrastructure and develop a roadmap for programme implementation. (27-28 January, Accra)

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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.

The Netherlands also provided in-kind contribution valued at $11.5 million in 2018.

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