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POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

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- USG Voronkov briefed the EU Council Working Party on Terrorism - International Aspects (COTER) session under the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union on the impact of COVID-19 on counter-terrorism and the continued delivery of UN and CT/PCVE efforts. (25 June)

HIGHLIGHTS

- The 20th meeting of the UNCCT Advisory Board, attended by representatives from all 22 States members, focused on UNCCT's results achieved in 2019 and the first quarter of 2020. The discussion also included UNCCT's business continuity efforts and its future strategic outlook. (19 June)

- UNCCT 2019 Annual Report was published and distributed to Member States. The report highlights a positive trend in the number of UNCCT projects, programmatic activities, and beneficiary countries. In 2019, besides numerous initiatives with UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities, UNCCT established partnerships with other stakeholders and developed a civil society engagement strategy. The results confirm UNCCT's steadily development into a global Centre of Excellence.

- UNOCT co-convened two expert webinars in a series of virtual consultations to inform the development of a Watchlisting Guidance Manual toolkit, as part of a Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF) Initiative co-lead by the UN and the United States. The events focused on the definitions, scopes and objectives of terrorist watchlists, and on information gathering an human rights, including the rights of the child, transparency and thresholds for listings. (24 June)

- Since its launch three months ago, the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Platform has been visited more than 19,500 times. A total of 100 Member States have officially nominated focal point users for the Platform.

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CAPACITY-BUILDING

1662

INDIVIDUALS TRAINED

31

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

UN COUNTER-TERRORISM CENTRE - From January to June 2020:

- UNCCT, together with UNESCO, organized a webinar on “Youth and digital spaces: addressing and countering the exploitation of the COVID-19 pandemic using media and ICTs”. Over 100 young people, CSOs, media industry and UN representatives discussed the global and regional perspectives of the rise of hate speech and violent extremist narratives during the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa. (2 June)

- UNCCT’s Cybersecurity and New Technologies Programme and the Council of Europe GLACY+ project jointly organized a webinar on “Cybercrime and terrorism – the criminal justice response”, attended by more than 600 participants from over 100 countries. Discussion focused on terrorist use of internet, cyberattacks and prosecution of terrorists using online resources and international cooperation. (12 June)

- An online assessment methodology of the UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CT Travel) was used to assess Côte d’Ivoire’s current capabilities to detect and interdict FTFs and organized crime in accordance with UNSCRs 2178, 2396 and 2482. CT Travel virtually met with senior officials of Côte d’Ivoire’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Police, Immigration, Customs, Data Protection Commission, Human Rights Commission, Civil Aviation Authority, and representatives of air carriers (2-8 June). As of June, Cote d’Ivoire is 1 of 37 Member States participating in CT Travel.

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To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 43 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.

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