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## Leadership

USG Voronkov briefed the UN Security Council on the 20th report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh), warning that the group remains a serious global security threat. He stressed that "Sustained multilateral cooperation remains essential to countering terrorism effectively." (10 Feb)



The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact held its Eleventh Coordination Committee Meeting focused on the implementation of the Pact for the Future. In a statement delivered on

behalf of the Secretary-General, Mr. Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy called for greater efforts to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism and enhanced coordination of UN CT efforts through the Compact to bring the bold vision of the Pact to life. (5-6 Feb)



UNCCT Director Mauro Miedico addressed the Ministerial segment of the No Money for Terror Conference, which was hosted by Germany and advanced discussions and initiatives to combat terrorism financing worldwide. (13 Feb)

# Highlights

• In a video message for the **International Day for the Prevention** of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism. USG Voronkov emphasized the need to address the underlying conditions and drivers of terrorism and violent extremism through comprehensive approaches rooted in gender equality, human rights, and the rule of law. These themes were echoed in discussions at a joint #PVEDay event organized by UNOCT with the Permanent Mission of Iraq in coordination with the Global

Compact PCVE Working Group cochairs (UNDP, UNAOC, UNESCO) and a side event with the Republic of Tajikistan and the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA), focused on the Implementation of Tajikistan's National Strategy on Countering Terrorism and Extremism. (12 Feb)

 UNOCT and the Islamic Military **Counter Terrorism Coalition** (IMCTC) signed a Memorandum of **Understanding** to strengthen their partnership in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism. Both entities will co-operate in areas such as capacity-building, exploring best practices, as well as organizing meetings, joint projects and activities. (10 Feb)





### **UNOCT Office Structure**

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# **About UNOCT**

The Office provides its capacity-building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) and the Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB). UNCCT 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. SPIB was established following a contribution by the State of Qatar as part of the Contribution Agreement between UNOCT and the State of Qatar signed in 2018.

To enhance coordination and coherence, the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which is a coordination framework bringing together 46 entities, was launched by the UN Secretary-General in December 2018. The Compact operates thanks to a contribution of the State of Qatar. It operates through its Coordination Committee and eight thematic Inter-Agency Working Groups, which were revitalized in April 2019, providing an "All-of-UN approach" to the system's work on counterterrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism as conducive to terrorism.



### **UNOCT Mandate**

Established through GA resolution 71/291 on 15 June 2017, the Office has five 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 46 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 counterterrorism across the UN system and that the important work on preventing violent extremism is firmly rooted in the Strategy

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### **Recent Pledges to UNOCT**

During the month of February, UNOCT received contributions in support of the following programmes:

#### Switzerland:

USD \$100,000 for the CT Travel Programme

#### **UNPDF:**

USD \$31,026 for the PCVE Programme USD \$938,010 for the JPOA Programme

# Capacity-building

### **UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)**



**During the 4th Riyadh International** Humanitarian Forum, UNOCT and KSrelief held a side event on Rehabilitation and Reintegration of adults and children affected by terrorism. (24 Feb)

The Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme participated in a conference on the impact of terrorism on families, organized by Spain's Asociación Fuerzas y Cuerpos de Seguridad del Estado Víctimas del Terrorismo (AFCSEVT) in Valencia. (14 Feb)

The Global Programme on Cybersecurity and New Technologies and INTERPOL launched the CT TECH+ initiative in the Philippines and Uzbekistan to enhance law enforcement capacities in countering the misuse of new technologies by terrorists. (27-28 Feb)

### **Special Projects & Innovation Branch (SPIB)**

The Countering Terrorist Travel **Programme** and IOM Nigeria delivered a training on passenger data collection and analysis for the newly established Nigerian Command and Control Centre for Regular Migration. (17-21 Feb)

#### The Vulnerable Targets Programme

hosted an expert briefing on using artificial Intelligence against terrorism threats and an expert workshop with the



Counter Terrorism **Preparedness** Network (CTPN) on protective security at transportation hubs. (26-27 Feb)

### **Human Rights and Gender Section**

**UNOCT** and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Kenyan National Center for Counter-terrorism hosted two Regional Trainings on Gender Mainstreaming in PCVE for representatives from East Africa. (18-28 Feb)



**UNOCT and the Office of the National** Security Advisor of Iraq, conducted a three-day workshop on Human Rights-Compliant Investigation. (3-5 Feb)

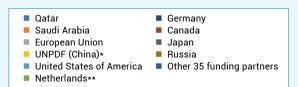
### **EU-UN Facility**

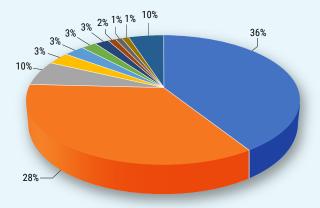
Building on the assessment from CTED. UNOCT held consultations with the Maldives' criminal justice system on strengthening human rightscompliant capabilities. (2-6 Feb)



## **Top Contributors to UNOCT**

UNOCT cumulative pledges since inception of the Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and from other funds to date, amount to \$396 million, out of which \$351 million has been received from 45 funding partners. Overall, the top contributors to date are:





- Allocation from the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund
- \*\* In addition, in-kind contribution provided by the Netherlands (valued at \$11.5 million in 2018) and Hungary (\$1.1 million in 2021-2022).



#### Pillar I

Addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

## Pillar II

Preventing and combating terrorism

#### Pillar III

**Building States'** capacity and strenathening the role of the UN

Pillar IV **Ensuring human** rights and the rule of law







