

## **Press Release**

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which is an important regional framework designed to address the threat of terrorism based on the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and strengthened international partnership.

The outcome of this meeting will contribute to the 6<sup>th</sup> Review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy by the General Assembly and to the High-Level Conference of the Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies, which the United Nations Secretary-General will convene in June in New York in order to forge a new global counter-terrorism partnership between Member States.

Calling for a balanced implementation of the UN Global Counter-terrorism Strategy, Mr. Voronkov underlined the efforts undertaken by the UNCCT to strengthen its efforts to mainstream human rights and gender in the development and the implementation of its capacity-building projects.

In Riyadh, the Advisory Board Members will meet with senior Saudi Government officials and Saudi counter-terrorism partners.

On the margins of the Advisory Board meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, Mr. Voronkov, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the General Secretariat of the Arab Interior Ministers Council of the League of Arab States to strengthen cooperation on countering terrorism at the regional level. The Office is planning to sign an MOU with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in June in New York.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The UNCCT was established to provide capacity-building support to Member States for the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The capacity-building assistance is provided across all four (4) pillars of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy on issues such as addressing the foreign terrorist fighters phenomenon; countering the financing of terrorism; enhancing border security and management; promoting human rights while countering terrorism; and supporting victims of terrorism, among others.

Since April 2012, UNCCT has implemented more than 60 capacity-building projects at global, regional and national levels. The Centre focuses its activities on countries and regions where the threat of terrorism is most acute, particularly in Africa, the Middle East, and Central and South Asia.

The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy was adopted through consensus by the General Assembly in 2016. It is reviewed every two years. It is comprised of 4 pillars: (1) addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism; (2) measures to prevent and combat terrorism; (3) measures to build states' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the United Nations system in that regard; and (4) measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis for the fight against terrorism.

The Members of the Advisory Board include: Saudi Arabia (*Chair*), Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Russian Federation, Pakistan, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island, the United States of America and the European Union (*Guest Member*),

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