



AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTERING TERRORISM

Our goal is to **build trust, share lessons learned and best practices, as well as promote policy convergence** among our countries.

Since 2017, a key priority of our Assembly is **promoting the rights and needs of victims of terrorism** and strengthening the role of **victims' associations**.

We have adopted a **new, detailed resolution on the Victims of Terrorism** at our last Annual Session in Birmingham this July, which is inspired by UN Model Legislative Provisions. This underlines the need to **safeguard the rights, dignity and memory of all victims**. We hope this parliamentary document will become a **benchmark for the efforts of our fifty-seven Governments in this context**. They have to act now and to bring all that UN is doing in their National Legislation. This is very important.

So, I hope that we are successful in our strength for a safer and more united world in this fight against Terrorism. Only together, we can be successful.

Thank you!

Session 1: Recognition and Remembrance Measures (Day 1 - 15:00 - 16:05),

1-3 minutes

Excellencies,

Distinguished colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to address you again, as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism of the OSCE PA.

It is key to **coherently address the complex needs of the victims of terrorism and integrate such provisions into comprehensive counter-terrorism policies and practices at national level.**

Ultimately, by remembering all the victims of terrorism and supporting their loved ones we are not only **paying tribute to their heroism and human suffering**, but also contributing to **change those very narratives of fear and hatred** that terrorists seek to incite within our own societies.

When we lift up the victims of terrorism, listen to their voices, respect their rights and provide them with support and justice, we reduce the lasting damage done by terrorists to individuals, families and communities.

We must work together to effectively counter terrorism and to ensure that for victims the principles of

can act as inspiration to other parliamentary assemblies. We stand ready to offer more details to whomever is interested!

Parliamentarians are responsible for shaping the legislative and policy frameworks of our countries and have a vital role in supporting the implementation of international counter-terrorism obligations. What are the **best practices in ensuring recognition and remembrance measures are included in our legislative frameworks?**

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Breakout Session 2 B Terrorist attacks based on xenophobia, racism, and

crisis will severely impact millions of individuals across the world, with unpredictable consequences.

Terrorist groups are likely to exploit these news areas of tension,

particularly worrying. How can we ensure globally co-ordinated efforts to tackle this concerning new trend?

How can we **best respond to new threats** and ensure our counter-terrorism strategies and legislation is in line with constantly evolving trends and challenges?