

PRESS RELEASE

CTED resumes on-site assessment visits on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee with first comprehensive visit to Bulgaria

New York, 19 April 2022 After working for two years in virtual and hybrid settings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) resumed its on-site assessment visits on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, conducting a [comprehensive visit to the Republic of Bulgaria](#) from 4 to 9 April 2022.

The visiting delegation consisted of CTED experts, as well as experts from the following United Nations bodies and international organizations: the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT); the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol); the International Organization for Migration (IOM); the International Maritime Organization (IMO); the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); and the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL).

The visit enabled the delegation to assess progress made by Bulgaria in adopting measures to implement Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant Security Council resolutions. Country visits are

Background

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC)** was established by Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which was adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001 in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks carried out in the United States. The Committee (which consists of all 15 Members of the Security Council) was tasked with monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), which requests States to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal, institutional and operational abilities to counter terrorist activities at home, in their regions, and around the world.

H.E. Mr. T. S. Tirumurti, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, was appointed Chair of the Committee on 13 January 2022.

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)** was established by the Council as a special political mission of the United Nations, tasked with assisting the Counter-

other relevant counter-terrorism resolutio -

site country assessments visits, with the consent of the host State, to identify progress made and remaining challenges in addressing threats posed by terrorists to international peace and security. The findings of the assessment visits also form the basis for technical assistance and capacity-building projects delivered by partner entities.