

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

**Sixth meeting of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination
Compact Committee**

Via Microsoft Teams, Friday, 8 October 2021, 9.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.

Remarks of

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Acting on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, CTED will continue to engage with Member States of all regions to assess strengths and weaknesses in their counter-

terrorism response.

We shall also continue to facilitate the delivery of prioritized technical assistance needs.

And in this regard, allow me to mention a few priority areas that

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- **Strengthening weapons and ammunition legislation; criminalizing the full range of firearms-related offences; and updating and digitizing firearms registries;**
- **Enhancing the capability of investigators and prosecutors to handle complex counter-terrorism cases, including the exploitation of data from digital sources in and outside their own jurisdictions;**
- **Developing and implementing comprehensive and tailored PRR strategies.**
- **Working closely with humanitarian organizations and the financial sector to ensure that counter-terrorism measures are not implemented in a manner that unduly affects the delivery of exclusively humanitarian activities that are carried out by humanitarian actors in a manner consistent with international humanitarian law.**

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

Moving forward, I would propose three main areas of focus:

***First*, CTED proposes to conduct targeted assessment missions to States of Central and South Asia and Africa with the approval of the CTC**

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Specific examples in this regard include the issuance of general licences specific to Afghanistan and the establishment of a dedicated forum on Afghanistan involving all relevant stakeholders (including aid organizations and representatives of the financial sector and other private-sector actors).

***Third*, I would encourage members of the Global Coordination Compact to focus on prioritizing technical assistance programmes for States of Central and South Asia and for States of the Sahel, the Lake Chad Basin and Eastern and Southern Africa, based on the priority recommendations of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.**

CTED of course stands ready to facilitate the necessary support.

Thank you.