

Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on kidnapping for ransom and hostage-taking committed by terrorist groups

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Draft agenda

10:00-10:10 Opening session

Opening statements:

CTC Chair
CTED Executive Director

10:10-10:40 Session I: Threat Assessment

Moderator: CTC Chair or Vice-Chair

Topics:

Mapping of incidents
Kidnapping for ransom as one of the sources of terrorism-financing

Panellists:

Hostage-taking and kidnapping for ransom by Al Qaida, Mr. Alexander Evans,
Coordinator, 1267 Monitoring Team
The AU assessment of the threat, African Centre for the Study and Research on
Terrorism/African Union

Questions and answers

10:40-11:40 Session II: National Responses

Moderator: CTC Chair or Vice-Chair

Topics:

Measures and initiatives to prevent incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking
committed by terrorist groups
Legal, policy and operational measures to prevent benefitting from ransom payments
Preparedness and interagency coordination of law enforcement for crisis management
Outreach to nationals, local communities, private and non-profit sectors

Panellists:

Perspective of an affected Member State, Representative of Australia
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11:40-12:55 **Session III: International Cooperation**

Moderator: CTC Chair or Vice-Chair

Topics:

International cooperation, sharing of information and tracking money flows
Addressing violations and abuses of human rights associated with hostage-taking and kidnapping for ransom
Building countries' capacities to implement UNSCR 2133
Lessons learned and international voluntary good practices such as the GCTF "Algiers Memorandum"

Panellists:

The international legal regime, TPB, UNODC
Use of police cooperation tools, INTERPOL
Financial intelligence sharing, FATF
Human Rights dimension, OHCHR
Capacity building, CTED

Open discussion

12:55-13:00 **Closing session**

Closing statement: CTC Chair