Virtual open briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on the updated Technical guide to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant resolutions

Monday, 17 August 2020, 10.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) is required to assist the Counter-Terrorism Committee to monitor, facilitate and promote the implementation by Member States of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014). In this regard, the Committee requested CTED to update its 2009 Technical Guide to reflect the requirements of the relevant successor resolutions of the Council. The Technical Guide is intended as a reference tool to help ensure consistent analysis of States’ implementation efforts.


3. The Technical Guide was prepared by CTED and does not purport to impose any obligations upon States apart from those that already exist by virtue of the relevant Council resolutions and decisions, international treaties, customary international law, or other voluntarily undertaken obligations. Discussion on the international counter-terrorism treaties does not purport to establish when States Parties are or are not fulfilling their obligations under the treaties. It addresses those aspects of international law (in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law) that are relevant to the implementation of the relevant recommendations.

II. Objective of virtual open briefing

4. The purpose of the virtual open briefing is to inform Member States about the updated Technical Guide and to promote it as a practical reference tool to help ensure consistent analysis of States’ implementation efforts.

III. Format of discussions and topics

5. CTED experts will present the updated Technical Guide, focusing on major updates in the following areas: (i) counter-financing of terrorism; (ii) legal and criminal justice (iii) border
management and law enforcement; (iv) mainstreaming of the human rights aspects of counter-terrorism; (v) integration of the gender dimension into peace and security efforts, including counter-terrorism; and (vi) prohibition of incitement to terrorism and countering violent extremism.

6. The presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

7. The Committee Chair will act as Chair and moderator.

8. The virtual open briefing will be held via WEBEX, with special privileges for Committee members and CTED.

9. An annotated agenda and meeting documentation will be posted on the Committee’s website.

IV. Date and venue

10. The virtual open briefing will be streamed live on UNTV on Thursday, 17 August 2020, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. EDT.

V. Outcome

11. Member States will be informed about the major additions and updates to the updated Technical Guide, which will be posted on the Committee’s website in the six official languages of the United Nations.

VI. Communications

12. CTED will promote the virtual open briefing through the appropriate channels. A press release may be issued following the virtual open briefing.
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Draft agenda

10.00 – 10.10 Opening session

- Opening statement by H.E. Mr. Kais Kabtani, Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee
- Opening statement by Assistant Secretary-General Michèle Coninsx, Executive Director, CTED

10.10 – 10.25 Overview of updated Technical Guide, Mr. David Scharia, Chief of Branch, CTED

- General overview
- Border management and law enforcement;
- Information and communications technology;
- Integration of the gender dimension into peace and security efforts, including counter-terrorism;
- Prohibition of incitement to terrorism and countering violent extremism;

10.25 – 10.32 Updates on related counter-financing of terrorism issues, Ms. Angela Vinasco, Associate Expert, CTED

10.32 – 10.39 Updates on related criminal-justice and legal issues, Mr. Anton du Plessis, Coordinator, CTED

10.39 – 10.46 Updates on related human rights issues, Mr. Edward Flynn, Coordinator, CTED

10.46 – 11.50 Questions-and-answers session

11:50 – 12:00 Closing session

- Closing statement by Assistant Secretary-General Michèle Coninsx, Executive Director, CTED
- Closing statement by H.E. Mr. Kais Kabtani, Chair, Counter-Terrorism Committee
The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of the Member States of the United Nations and has the honour to invite them to the forthcoming Committee’s virtual open briefing to be held via VTC on Monday, 17 August 2020, from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

The purpose of the open briefing will be to inform Member States about the updated Technical guide to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant resolutions (agenda and concept note annexed herewith), and to promote it as a practical reference tool to help ensure consistent analysis of States’ implementation efforts.

Subsequent to the presentation of the Technical Guide by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the Chair will open the floor for questions and answers. Member States are encouraged to make full use of this opportunity to engage in an interactive discussion with CTED on the Technical Guide.

In view of the technical arrangements for the virtual open briefing, the Chair requests that Member States communicate to the Secretariat of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, in writing, the name of the designated participant (one per delegation) together with the designated participant’s e-mail address, by COB XXXXX, XX August 2020 at the following e-mail address: sc-ctc@un.org

Additional technical details and log-in instructions will be provided by e-mail prior to the briefing.

Meeting documentation, draft agenda and concept note will be posted on the Committee’s website (https://www.un.org/sc/ctc/) in due course. All enquiries related to these documents should be sent to Ms. Farah Kasim, CTED Political Affairs Officer (e-mail: farah.kasim@un.org)

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Annex enclosed