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## **Countering the Financing of Terrorism:** **“Challenges Identifying, Monitoring and Countering the Financing of Terrorist Groups and Individuals”**

*A Side Event on the margins of the GA Global Counter-Terrorism  
Strategy Review and the United Nations High-level Conference of  
Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States*

**Tuesday, 26 June 2018, 1:15-2:45 in CR-11**

*Including:*

H.E. Ambassador **François Delattre**, Permanent Representative of France to the UN;  
H.E. Ambassador **Francisco Tenya**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru to the UN;  
Mr. **Yury Fedotov**, Executive-Director UNODC;  
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Mr. **Philippe de Koster**, First Advocate General Director Belgian Financial Intelligence Unit;  
Mr. **Abdulrahman Mustapha**, Head of Monitoring and Analysis Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit.

*Followed by Interactive Q and A from the Floor*

All with UN badges are welcome.

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## Background Information

The financing of terrorism can be broadly defined as the provision or collection of funds by any means, both directly or indirectly, unlawfully and wilfully, with the intentional or the knowledge that they should or are to be used in order to carry out a terrorism-related offense.

The United Nations International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (1999) considers that the financing of terrorism is a matter of grave concern to the international community and further notes that the number and seriousness of acts of international terrorism cannot be dissociated from the financing on which it depends.

Countering the financing of terrorism is one of the main pillars on which global and regional counter-terrorism and terrorism prevention efforts rely. In this context, the deployment of efficient, transparent and harmonized mechanisms and systems at the international, regional and national levels are essential to prevent, counter, reduce and prosecute terrorism-related crimes.

### Objective:

The objective of this event is to highlight and exchange on the different means through which both terrorist organizations and individuals finance themselves and their activities. Moreover, this event will discuss the current challenges in the identification, investigation, disruption and monitoring of financial flows aimed at financing terrorism.

This side-event will also be an opportunity to exchange on the recent trend evolutions and the role of new technology as enablers of terrorism financing and the importance of strengthening international cooperation against the financing of terrorism. To this aim, UNODC's Guidance manual for Member States on terrorist financing risk assessments will be presented.

Furthermore, it will provide an opportunity to present and highlight ongoing initiatives and technical assistance efforts provided by UNODC, UNOCT and the AU (risk assessments and assets freezing); to highlight the assessment and policy work of UN CTED; to present the work of the CTITF CFT Working Group chaired by UNODC and co-chaired by UNOCT; and to further detail and discuss the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint High-level African Union Algeria meeting on the fight against the financing of terrorism in Africa (9-10 April 2018) and the Paris Conference on the financing of terrorism (25-26 April 2018).

