



Head of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism concludes visit to Moscow

Moscow, 5 April 2018 Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov, Head of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism concluded a 5-day visit to Moscow, Russia.

During the visit, the Under-Secretary-General discussed the evolving threat of terrorism and ways to enhance international cooperation in accordance with international law and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Mr. Voronkov participated in the conference on the “International Research-To-Practice Conference on Priorities of International Cooperation in Countering Extremism and Terrorism,” on 3 April 2018”. He also attended, on 4 and 5 April, the “VIIth Moscow Conference on International Security,” on behalf of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres. Mr. Voronkov stressed that counter-terrorism is a top priority for the Secretary-General and called for a balanced implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

“No country is immune from this threat, and no one country, no matter how powerful, can solve the problem by itself. The scourge from terrorism transcends cultures and geographical boundaries and should not be associated with any religion, nationality or ethnic group,” Mr. Voronkov said. He added that “terrorism is a sophisticated threat. We need to stay at least one step ahead to anticipate, prevent and counter new attacks. Terrorists are not sitting idle.”

Calling for increased international interstate and interagency cooperation, Mr. Voronkov also highlighted the important potential of public-private partnerships in counter-terrorism. He said that State authorities have the primary responsibility for counter-terrorism but engaging with industry and business is instrumental to counter the financing of

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