

**ASG Zouev's remarks at the Tenth Meeting of
the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee**
Outcome-oriented discussion amongst UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact
entities

[This segment will focus on concrete recommendations on coordinating counter-
terrorism efforts in Africa]

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Excellencies,
Esteemed Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the United Nations Department of Peace Operations, I would like to thank the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee for convening this important meeting and for inviting us to participate.

Excellencies,

Terrorism remains a prominent challenge that threatens international peace and security. The drivers of terrorism have become more diversified, and the root causes of terrorism have yet to be effectively addressed. At the same time, military responses have shown their limitations and are now deemed by most as insufficient.

The African continent continues to withstand the worst of this protracted violence, with the Sahel region having become an epicenter of terrorism, accounting for more terrorism deaths in 2022 than both South Asia and the Middle East and North Africa combined.

It is therefore essential to strengthen international counter-terrorism efforts in the face of this complex and debilitating phenomenon by adopting a preventive, holistic and inclusive approach to counter terrorism in Africa.

African Member States are investing tremendous resources and efforts to address the root causes of the security challenges facing the continent but remain constrained by limited resources and capacity. In that context, DPO believes that strengthening the rule of law and the capacity of national security and justice institutions to respond more effectively to terrorist threats is critical and a smart investment, based on evolving needs and focusing on national will and ownership.

