

## **Open briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on Central Asia**

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**Dear Mr. Chairman!**  
**Dear ladies and gentlemen!**  
**Colleagues!**

The UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate has presented a Report and a Global survey on the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) based on the visits to the states of the Central Asian region. Both the documents made a stir as they contain unbiased and accurate assessments of the changes in the nature of terrorist threats existing in the area.

Along with the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee and other partners of ours we express our utmost concern over with changes in operational situation in the Central Asian region.

In this context, recommendations of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate are very important. The Directorate rightly points out that the states of the Central Asian region have taken steps to form a comprehensive and integrated approach to terrorism, having joined the sub-regional plan of action for implementation of the UN Global counter-terrorism strategy. This sub-regional plan of action is aimed at the implementation of four directions of the Global strategy and shall contribute to national efforts of the countries in countering terrorism.

The CIS Counter-Terrorism Center together with the CIS states, including the states of the Central-Asian region, develops and implements joint Programs on combating terrorism and violent manifestations of extremism. Each of them is designed for three years and has a strong focus on joint actions against international terrorism amid the changing nature of challenges and threats. The basic directions of these Programs include:

- harmonizing domestic legislation and development of international counter-terrorism legal base, including within the CIS;
- developing models for joint counter-terrorism operations and practicing their algorithms during exercises,
- sharing information,

- searching for persons who committed crimes of a terrorist and extremist nature and who are hiding from justice.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that real practical measures aimed at searching wanted terrorists are being implemented in the CIS countries within the framework of agreed programs and projects. Thus, as a result of cooperation between our Center and the CIS Council of the Heads of financial intelligence units through o 100 people involved in terrorism financing were detected in 2017 and some of them were detained in the Commonwealth states.

Taking into account the recommendations of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee, we have connected all the Central Asian countries, which are members of the CIS Counter-Terrorism Center to our Specialized Data Bank.

Basing on the conclusions of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate made upon the results of the visits to the Central Asian countries and our own regional experience in fighting terrorism and extremism, we develop the following principal directions of cooperation :

First, the minimization, to the extent possible, of the threats related to the

experts at the CIS internal fora. Part of them will likely complement the model legislation of the Commonwealth.

Besides, the Anti-Terrorism Center became a member of the UN Global Research Network. This is an important step. We propose to consider conduct of a joint scientific event under the auspices of CTED and CIS ATC by inviting the CIS academia. It would greatly contribute to the activity of the GRN in terms of the 41.041