

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Opening remarks of  
Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde,  
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on  
“Facilitating Technical Assistance to Member States on Kidnapping for  
Ransom and Hostage-taking Committed by Terrorist Groups”

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assistance programmes developed by UN entities such as the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC, CTITF, and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre.

We will also have an opportunity to hear about international good practices, such as those contained in the GCTF Algiers Memorandum on Good Practices on Preventing and Denying the Benefits of Kidnapping for Ransom by Terrorists, as well as to learn about the prevention efforts of a major regional actor, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

I am therefore delighted to hand the floor to our panellists, who are ready to share with us their respective expertise and experience and help us identify relevant technical assistance needs and explore areas of future cooperation.