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OSCE-wide **COUNTER-TERRORISM CONFERENCE**

The Reverse Flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs):
Challenges for the OSCE Area and Beyond

10 - 11 May 2018

Rome, Italy

Human rights-compliant measures to addressing challenge of returning foreign terrorist fighters explored at OSCE Counter-Terrorism Conference in Rome

Enhanced information-sharing and border security and human rights-compliant rehabilitation and reintegration programmes are among the key measures states need to take in order to address the challenge of returning foreign terrorist fighters, said speakers at the opening of the 2018 OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference in Rome. More than 350 high-level participants including government experts and representatives of international and sub-regional organizations, academia and civil society from across the OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation gathered in Rome on 10-11 May 2018 for the two-day conference organized by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship with the support of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department, in close co-operation with other OSCE executive structures. [More information](#)



Need for strong co-operation and respect for human rights in countering terrorism highlighted at high-level international conference in Tajikistan

Consolidating efforts at the regional and international levels to counter violent extremism and radicalization was the focus of a two-day high-level conference, held on 3-4 May 2018 in Dushanbe. The conference, entitled "*Countering Terrorism and Preventing Violent Extremism*", was organized by the Government of Tajikistan in co-operation with the OSCE, the United Nations, and the European Union. Foreign ministers of Central Asian participating States and Afghanistan, as well as high-level officials from other countries, representatives of regional and international organizations, civil society, research institutions and diplomatic missions accredited to Tajikistan took part in the conference. The event concluded with a [declaration](#)

adopted by states participating in the conference. [More information](#) (Photo credit Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan)

OSCE NOTEWORTHY



Preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism focus of OSCE-supported inter-regional conference in Seoul

More than 150 experts from across the OSCE area and the Asian region gathered in Seoul on 19 and 20 April for an inter-regional conference on preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism (P/CVERLT), organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea in close co-operation with the OSCE Transnational Threats Department. The inter-regional conference aimed to strengthen dialogue and co-operation between the OSCE and the Asian region and provided an excellent opportunity to discuss a broad range of issues from national, regional and international perspectives on preventing and countering violent extremism. [More information](#) (Photo credit Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea)



Consolidated Reference for OSCE Anti-Terrorism Efforts

The Consolidated Reference aims to inform all personnel of the OSCE Secretariat as well as other executive structures and relevant interested organizations, about international and OSCE commitments, projects and programmes related to the prevention and combating of terrorism.

Overview of OSCE Counter-Terrorism Related Commitments

Overview prepared by the OSCE Transnational Threats Department/Action against Terrorism Unit, in co-ordination with other relevant OSCE executive structures.



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OSCE NEWS

PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND RADICALIZATION THAT LEAD TO TERRORISM



OSCE presents winning theatrical performances on countering violent extremism in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Four student teams from Universities of Sarajevo, Banja Luka, and the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology were on stage on 13 March 2018 in Sarajevo to perform the winning plays of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina's drama contest on countering violent extremism. [More information](#)



OSCE concludes second tabletop exercise on countering violent extremism in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, in co-operation with the Partnership for Peace Consortium's Counterterrorism Working Group, concluded a two-day tabletop exercise in Bihac on 16 March 2018, focusing on practical views and ideas in addressing the challenges of violent extremism. The exercise gathered more than

70 participants – representatives from all levels of government, judiciary, law enforcement agencies, civil society, media, education and health sectors, religious institutions and local communities – who had an opportunity, through the simulation of scenarios, to address the issue of the foreign terrorist fighters' return and reintegration and local level response. [More information](#)

OSCE Mission to Serbia supports further education of Serbian local police in preventing violent extremism

A series of four pilot training courses on preventing and identifying violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism took place from March to April 2018 in Novi Sad, Niš, Novi Pazar and Belgrade. The training course for police commanders from local Uniformed Police and local Police Sections for Countering Terrorism and Extremism from across Serbia, was organized by the OSCE Mission to Serbia in partnership with the Ministry of the Interior of Serbia. Around 70 participants learned about the effectiveness of community policing in improving prevention and early identification, thereby enhancing safety in local communities. [More information](#)



OSCE organizes first national seminar in Turkmenistan on a comprehensive approach to countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism

The OSCE Centre in Ashgabat, in co-operation with the OSCE Secretariat's Transnational Threats Department, organized a two-day seminar entitled "Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism: a Comprehensive Approach", which concluded in Ashgabat on 4 April 2018. The seminar, the first of its kind in Turkmenistan, served as a platform for policy discussion on preventing and countering VERLT in Turkmenistan. It also aimed to promote a better understanding of the current global and regional trends in VERLT. A particular emphasis was put on regional challenges related to terrorist radicalization. [More information](#)

Conference on P/CVERLT in Prisons and Probation in Albania

P/CVERLT in Albanian prisons and probation services was at the focus of a conference attended by more than 70 participants on 5 April 2018 organized by the OSCE Presence in Albania, in co-operation with the Albanian Ministry of Justice and the Coordination Centre on Countering Violent Extremism. A report on the current situation of violent extremism and radicalization in prisons and probation services as

well as the first Basic Training Modules for prison and probation staff on how to deal with this phenomenon were presented at the conference.

Roundtable discussion on P/CVERLT in Skopje

The OSCE Mission to Skopje together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Office of the National Coordinator for Countering Violent Extremism and Counter-Terrorism organized on 24 April 2018 a roundtable discussion on P/CVERLT for trainers in Skopje with the objective to strengthen the capacity of first line police officers in countering violent extremism and raise awareness of utilizing community policing techniques as a means to counter the challenges of violent extremism.

TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND BORDER SECURITY



OSCE Mobile Training Team trains border and security officers from Tajikistan on identifying foreign terrorist fighters

On 13-15 March 2018, the OSCE's Mobile Training Team delivered in Dushanbe an interactive training course on identifying foreign terrorist fighters to 20 female and male border and security officers from Tajikistan. The deployment of the Mobile Training Team, the fourth of its kind, was organized by the OSCE Transnational Threats Department. During the three-day training course, participants learned how to identify potential foreign terrorist fighters at border crossing points in compliance with international human rights standards. [More information](#)



OSCE holds workshop on establishing an Advance Passenger Information system in Georgia

A workshop on how to establish an Advance Passenger Information (API) system in Georgia aimed at detecting and preventing movements of foreign terrorist fighters, was organized by the OSCE Transnational Threats Department in Tbilisi from 17 to 19 April 2018. The event brought together 45 representatives from all national agencies involved in passenger processing, including the police, customs, State Security Service, Office of the Personal Data Protection Inspector, and civil aviation authority. The workshop was held scarcely a week after the adoption, by the Georgian Government of Decree no. 174, which sets out the necessary legal provisions authorizing national authorities to collect, store and process passenger data while fully respecting citizens' right to privacy. [More information](#)

COUNTERING FINANCING OF TERRORISM

OSCE and UNODC train the trainers in countering terrorist financing in Tajikistan

Strengthening the capacity of government officials from Tajikistan to counter terrorist financing was the aim of a two-day train-the-trainers course organized on 29 and 30 March 2018 in Vienna by the OSCE's Transnational Threats Department, the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)'s Global Programme against Money Laundering. [More information](#)

OSCE supported participation of non-profit organizations from Central Asia and Eastern Europe in Vienna discussion on

preventing and combating money laundering and terrorist financing

The OSCE's Transnational Threats Department, in co-operation with the OSCE field operations, facilitated the participation of representatives of non-profit organizations from Central Asia and Eastern Europe in a direct dialogue on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) evaluation process and risk assessments for more effectively preventing money laundering and terrorist financing, held on 23 - 24 April 2018 in Vienna. [More information](#)



OSCE seminar in Turkmenistan promotes best practices in combating money laundering, terrorism financing and corruption

Indicators of money laundering, terrorism financing and corruption and best practices for interagency co-operation were discussed at an OSCE-organized seminar that concluded on 25 April 2018 in Ashgabat. The two-day event brought together some 35 officials representing the State Service of Turkmenistan on Countering Economic Crimes, the Ministry of Finance and Economy, financial institutions, law enforcement bodies and real estate and audit companies. [More information](#)

COUNTERING THE USE OF THE INTERNET FOR TERRORIST PURPOSES



OSCE organizes seminar on countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes in Turkmenistan

A two-day seminar on countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes, organized by the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat and the OSCE Transnational Threats Department, was held on 5 and 6 April 2018 in Ashgabat. Some 40 participants, including representatives of the parliament of Turkmenistan and the national Ombudsman office as well as prosecutors, judges, investigators and law-enforcement officers, considered issues related to the international legal and human rights frameworks on countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes. [More information](#)

OTHER RELEVANT OSCE ACTIVITIES

OSCE-supported workshop on development of Draft National Strategy and Action Plan for prevention and combating of terrorism, money laundering and terrorist financing held in Montenegro

In partnership with the National Security Council of the Government of Montenegro, the OSCE Mission to Montenegro organized on 11 - 12 April 2018 in Kolasin, Montenegro, a workshop dedicated to the preparation of the Draft National Strategy for the prevention and combating of terrorism, money laundering and terrorist financing 2019-2022 and Action Plan 2019-2020. [More information](#)

OSCE MOST RECENT AND UPCOMING

- **6-11 May 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department organizes the Leaders against intolerance and Violent Extremism (LIVE) women leaders' pilot training, module 2 in Vienna.
- **10-11 May 2018:** The Italian OSCE Chairmanship with the support of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department organizes the 2018 OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference in Rome, Italy.
- **14-15 May 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department in co-operation with ODIHR will organize a pilot training on "[Preventing Terrorism and Countering and Preventing Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism: A Community-Policing Approach](#)" for community policing officers from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo.
- **16-17 May 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department in co-operation with the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina will organize in Sarajevo a table top exercise on the protection of critical energy infrastructure from terrorist attacks emanating from cyberspace.
- **22-24 May 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department will deploy the Mobile Training Team on the Identification of FTFs to Odessa.
- **22-24 May 2018:** ODIHR will organize a training for local police on protecting human rights and effectively countering violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism in Fuenlabrada, Spain.
- **4-7 June 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department will hold a post-workshop consultation in Skopje to provide legislative and technical support to national authorities for implementing an Advance Passenger Information system.
- **5-8 June 2018:** The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism will conduct a field visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **4-8 June 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department will organize the LIVE training for Community Leaders - Module 1.
- **10-15 June 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department will organize for Kazakh officials a course on countering financing of terrorism '*financial disruption and using sanctions pursuant to relevant UN Security Council resolutions*'.
- **11-12 June 2018:** The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan, in co-operation with the OSCE Transnational Threats Department, will organize an International Conference on the Role of Youth in Countering VERLT in Uzbekistan.
- **19-21 June 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department will organize a Workshop on Establishing an Advance Passenger Information system in Uzbekistan.
- **25-26 June 2018:** ODIHR in close cooperation with the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan will organize a training course for law-enforcement officers on human rights and countering terrorism in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- **28-29 June 2018:** The OSCE Transnational Threats Department will organize in Almaty a Regional Workshop for judges, investigators, law

enforcement officers and lawmakers from Central Asian countries on countering the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes.

UNITED NATIONS NEWS

UNCTED

Heads of United Nations counter-terrorism bodies conclude joint visit to Iraq

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), and Ms. Michèle Coninsx, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the CTED, concluded on 7 March 2018 a two-day visit to Iraq at the invitation of the Government and with the support of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI). The joint delegation met with high-ranking officials in Iraq as well as with representatives of the diplomatic community, UNAMI, and the United Nations Country Team. [More information](#)

CTED conducts follow-up visit to Serbia

Acting on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, its Executive Directorate (CTED) conducted a three-day follow-up assessment visit to the Republic of Serbia from 27 to 29 March 2018. The goals of the visit were to follow-up on Serbia's implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee following its visit of March 2013 and to discuss Serbia's progress in implementing Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005); Council resolution 2178 (2014), on stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs); and other recent Council resolutions pertaining to counter-terrorism. The OSCE Mission to Serbia assisted CTED in conducting this visit. [More information](#)

The role of the military in supporting the collection, sharing and use of evidence

CTED and the UNODC have been implementing a project on "The Role of the Military in Supporting the Collection, Sharing and Use of Evidence aimed at Promoting Rule of Law- and Human Rights-Compliant Criminal Justice Responses to Terrorism" within the framework of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Working Group on Criminal Justice and Legal Responses to Terrorism. The project was developed with a view to exploring the possibility of developing United Nations guidelines for prosecutors, military actors, police officers and prison officials on the

role of military actors in the collection, sharing and use of evidence in high-risk situations, including conflict and post-conflict settings, for the purpose of the prosecution of terrorist suspects before national courts, and on the role of military actors in the arrest, detention and surrender of terrorist suspects. As part of the project, CTED hosted a high-level expert meeting on "Bringing terrorists to justice before national courts: developing guidelines to facilitate the collection of information and evidence by military and other relevant criminal justice actors within a rule-of-law framework" on 9 and 10 April in New York. About 40 international experts participated in the meeting to discuss related challenges and good practices and worked towards the possible development of United Nations guidelines on the matter. The UN guidelines will be drafted based on the discussions at the high-level expert meeting. Adding to the CTITF entities of the Working Group, experts including those who could not attend at the meeting will be requested for their feedback and comments on the draft of the UN guidelines before being finalized. The next phase of the project will be led by UNODC and will focus on policy and capacity development to give effect to the UN guidelines at the national and regional levels.

CTED Trends Report 'The Challenge of Returning and Relocating Foreign Terrorist Fighters: Research Perspectives'

On 11 April, CTED published its second trends report, 'The Challenge of Returning and Relocating Foreign Terrorist Fighters: Research Perspectives'. Drawing on CTED's engagement with its Global Research Network - made up of over 100 leading research institutions from across the globe - the report seeks to provide policymakers and practitioners with an analysis of the latest research into returning and relocating FTFs, and show how this connects to the measures contained in Security Council Resolution 2396 (2017). The full report can be found on [CTED's website](#). A media briefing by Ms. Michèle Coninx, CTED's Executive Director and Mr. David Scharia, CTED Chief of Branch, can be found [here](#).

UNESCO

Preliminary consultation on inter-institutional co-operation on the prevention of violent extremism through education

On 18-19 April 2018, UNESCO organised a Preliminary Consultation on inter-institutional cooperation on the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education (PVE-E) that brought together representatives from over 22 actors and institutions engaged in PVE-E - including UNDP, UNODC, the World Bank-CMI, ISESCO and OIF, as well as governmental and inter-governmental institutions, non-governmental organisations and foundations. Three goals led discussions - first, to explore the range of efforts, approaches and practices being undertaken in PVE-E; second, to share experience and lessons learned; and, lastly, to explore options for greater networking and co-operation in PVE-E in support to the needs of Member States in

regions across the world. [More information](#)

Launch of Prevention of Violent Extremism through Youth Empowerment in Jordan, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia

A new two-year project on “Prevention of Violent Extremism through Youth Empowerment in Jordan, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia” was launched by young leaders, UNESCO and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, on 24 April 2018. This launch was the occasion to witness stories of young leaders from the region and to assist to a public conversation between UNESCO Director-General, Audrey Azoulay, and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, Vladimir Voronkov, on the UN’s response to violent extremism with two young actors of change from the Arab region. The new project will support youth-driven initiatives on the ground in education, sciences, culture, and the media to prevent violent extremism. Youth organizations, education stakeholders and media professionals will be mobilized around programmes that will include cross-cultural youth dialogues, training in conflict-sensitive reporting, and critical thinking labs. [More information](#) ([project](#))

Global Citizenship Education for peaceful societies in South-East Europe

On 2-4 May 2018, UNESCO Headquarters and the UNESCO Regional Bureau in Venice, with the support of UNODC’s Education for Justice (E4J) initiative, organized a two-day sub-regional capacity workshop entitled “Global Citizenship Education for Peaceful Societies in South-East Europe”, which focuses on the role of education in the prevention of violent extremism. The workshop is organized in the context of the UNESCO/UNODC partnership on “Global Citizenship Education for a Culture of Lawfulness”. The workshop provided policymakers, curriculum developers and teachers trainers with the necessary information, tools and resources to undertake follow-up activities at the national level and to develop teaching and learning materials addressing the drivers of violent extremism. [More information](#)

COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES NEWS



CIS ATC conducts training sessions at the OSCE Border Management Staff College

At the invitation of the Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan the experts of the CIS Anti-Terrorism Centre (CIS ATC) conducted training sessions for the participants of the 20th staff course of the OSCE Border Management Staff College on 1 March 2018. The officials from 15 OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation were informed about contemporary forms and methods of terrorist activity and most efficient ways to identify, prevent and suppress such activity. Besides, measures of response to those threats with due regard to the CIS ATC's experience of co-operation with international regional organizations have been presented. [More information](#)

CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly holds its 47th Plenary Session

The 47th Plenary Session of the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (CIS IPA) was held in the Taurida Palace of Saint-Petersburg, Russia on 13 April 2018. The meeting of the CIS IPA's Joint Committee on Harmonization of Legislation in the Field of Security and Countering New Challenges and Threats was attended by parliamentarians of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, representatives of the CIS IPA Council Secretariat, Coordinating Service of the Border Troops Commanders Council, CIS Executive Committee, CIS ATC, competent authorities, think tanks and educational institutions of the CIS member states. The participants discussed, *inter alia*, draft recommendations on application of the principles of international humanitarian law on countering terrorism and other violent manifestations of extremism. Besides, a representative of Rosfinmonitoring

delivered a report on contemporary state of affairs in the CIS with countering legalization (laundering) of criminal profits used for financing of terrorism as well as shared proposals on amendments to the model Criminal Code of CIS member-states to bring it in line with the FATF recommendations.



CIS ATC holds a meeting of the Scientific-Advisory Council

On 26 April 2018, the CIS Anti-Terrorism Center in cooperation with the CIS Council of the Heads of Penitentiary Services and with a support of the Government of Novosibirsk oblast, held a plenary meeting of its Scientific-Advisory Council in Novosibirsk, Russian Federation. The event, attended by representatives of special services, probation and law enforcement authorities of CIS member states, was dedicated to countering religious radicalization and enrollment into terrorist and extremist activity of the persons serving sentences in the detention facilities. The agenda covered elaboration of a methodology of preventive and rehabilitation work with persons who serve (served) sentences in prisons and custodial facilities to prevent their engagement enrollment in terrorist and extremist activity; specificity of prevention of religious extremism in penitentiary institutions; impact of terrorist convicts' detention conditions on the proliferation of radical ideas; place and role of civil society institutions and mass media in the work aimed to prevent engagement of convicts in terrorist and extremist activity.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

Recommendation on terrorists acting alone adopted

On 4 April 2018, the Committee of Ministers adopted "Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)6 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on terrorists acting alone". The recommendation reviews measures for preventing radicalisation, better identifying individuals who could potentially act alone and stepping up cooperation in the criminal law field. [More information](#)

24/7 Network on Foreign Terrorist Fighters

On 20 April 2018, the Contact Points to the Council of Europe 24/7 Network on Foreign Terrorist Fighters held their 3rd meeting in Paris. Since the second meeting of the Contact Points, held in March 2017, the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism entered into force and the number of the designated contact points raised to 46, including the European Union. The main aims of the meeting were to review the effectiveness and efficiency of the Network and to evaluate its capacity to contribute to addressing the issue of returning foreign terrorist fighters.

UPCOMING

First Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee Plenary Meeting

On 16 - 18 May 2018, the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT) will hold its first Plenary Meeting in Strasbourg. The CDCT replaces the CODEXTER as the Steering Committee in charge of counter-terrorism issues. Among the issues to be examined at the Plenary Meeting is the feasibility of having a pan-European legal definition of terrorism for the purposes of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196) and its Additional Protocol (CETS No. 217). The CDCT is also expected to adopt the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2018 - 2022). [More information](#)

ICAO NEWS

Traveller identification: key component of both Travel Facilitation and Aviation security

Following the successful introduction of Machine-Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs) in the eighties, which has dramatically enhanced the security features used in passports, ICAO has started implementing an ambitious initiative aimed at improving both the overall integrity of travel documents and the processes involved in their issuance as well as security at border control. [Read more](#)

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW NEWS

IIJ Practitioner Workshop on Addressing Homegrown Terrorism

On 25-26 April 2018, the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) hosted the second of two practitioner workshops under the Global Counterterrorism Forum's (GCTF) Initiative to Address Homegrown Terrorism. This second workshop, which focused on criminal justice responses in preventing, detecting and responding to homegrown terrorism, brought together more than 60 policy-makers, academics, law enforcement officers, investigators, judges, prosecutors and prison officials from 23 countries and 18 organizations for a robust and interactive two-day workshop. Participants shared effective models, tools, case studies and lessons learned on a range of themes, including: the nexus between criminality and homegrown terrorism; effective risk assessment tools and multi-disciplinary approaches to identifying, assessing and responding to individuals of varying risk levels; intra- and inter-government information sharing; and effective communication with the public and media. Participants provided invaluable contributions to the good practices, which aim to identify practical steps governments can take to effectively tackle the challenges associated with homegrown terrorism. The good practices will serve as a companion document to the GCTF's The Hague-Marrakech Memorandum on Good Practices for a More Effective Response to the FTF Phenomenon with a focus on Returning FTFs. The first practitioner workshop – focused on prevention and detection – was held in Malta on January 31-February 1, 2018. The draft good practices will be submitted to GCTF members for review in June 2018.

IIJ Prison Management Initiative: Workshop on Counterterrorism Prison Intelligence

The IIJ hosted a Prison Intelligence Regional Workshop in Abuju, Nigeria, on 9 – 12 April 2018, during which 43 criminal justice practitioners from 16 East and West African countries toured the Kuje Prison, where defendants charged with terrorism crimes are housed. The workshop, co-organized by Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and funded by the US State Department, is one of many programs under the IIJ's Prison Management Core Initiative. The IIJ designed the workshop specifically to address the needs of corrections officials in East and West Africa, upon the request of Nigeria's MOJ following a Counterterrorism Prison Intelligence Program held in Malta in July 2017. The Abuja Workshop provided a platform for participants to discuss and share national experiences on topics including prison risk assessment tools; human intelligence; safeguarding intelligence; recruiting and using informants; and the benefits of a multi-agency approach to prison intelligence. International, regional, and local experts gave presentations and facilitated completion of Africa-

specific hypothetical exercises that challenged participants to develop strategies addressing threats of radicalization and potential terrorist attacks in prison.

IIJ Judicial Program: Capacity-Building for Judges in the Sahel/West Africa – Study Visit to Criminal Justice Institutions

On 26-28 March 2018, the IIJ co-hosted with Canada a Judicial Study Tour in Rabat, Morocco for 15 countries handling terrorism cases. The program brought together more than 50 judges and criminal justice practitioners from Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Benin, Mauritania, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Morocco as well as from France, Belgium, Spain and the United States. The IIJ's program provided a platform for Sahel judges to learn from Morocco's experience addressing terrorist threats, to share national experiences, and to reinforce judges' knowledge of international best practices. In particular, the Study Tour focused on the good practices identified in The Hague Memorandum, which also reinforce the United Nations' Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: 1) the necessity for specially-trained judges; 2) the use of continuous trials; 3) the development of effective trial management standards; 4) the establishment of special measures to protect victims and witnesses; 5) the right of the accused to a fair trial with assistance from counsel; 6) the use and protection of intelligence information, sources, and methods in trial; 7) effective courthouse and courtroom security; 8) the development of media guidelines for the court and trial parties; and 9) ensuring victims of terrorism access to justice. Morocco opened the doors of six Moroccan criminal justice institutions and welcomed participants from the IIJ program to tour, meet personnel, and discuss with agency directors the integrated approach Morocco takes to fighting terror through the rule of law.

The Nexus of Parliamentarians and Criminal Justice Actors in Counter Terrorism: Implementing the GCTF Valletta Recommendations

Parliamentarians and senior justice practitioners from the Middle East and Africa as well as international experts convened in Malta on 21-22 March 2018 to contribute to the IIJ regional workshop The Nexus of Parliamentarians and Criminal Justice Actors in Counter Terrorism: Implementing the GCTF Valletta Recommendations. Through the course of the event discussions and examples concerning the implementation and interpretation of international CT law, the need for rapidly shifting CT measures because of new and evolving Internet services used by terrorist organisations, and the oversight exercised both by judicial and parliamentary bodies, were widely discussed. Participants recognized how matters related to international judicial cooperation, public-private engagement to prevent Internet exploitation by extremist groups, intelligence/law enforcement accountability as well as national-level strategies to prevent violent extremism, require parliamentarians to pursue and maintain rule of law compliance of CT policies. Some of the topics discussed in Malta will be included in a future Handbook prepared by the IIJ to continue guiding parliamentary work on CT. The Workshop was part of the EU-funded IIJ Core Initiative

for strengthening the role of parliamentarians in countering terrorism and preceded a symposium which took place in Brussels on 2-3 May 2018.

UPCOMING

May: CEELI Institute / IIJ Judicial Adjudication of Terrorism Cases for MENA Judges, Malta

June: CEELI Institute / IIJ Judicial Adjudication of Terrorism Cases for MENA Judges (The Hague, Hague-Marrakesh and Rabat Memoranda), Prague

SUGGESTED READING*

** The views expressed in the articles are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the OSCE and its participating States.*

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