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## **UNOCT and the Government of the State of Qatar conclude Contribution Agreement in support of the International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism**

**New York, 28 September 2020** – The Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, and the Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations in New York, H.E. Ambassador Alya Ahmed Saif Al- Thani, held a virtual signing ceremony for the Contribution Agreement between UNOCT and the State of Qatar on 28 September 2020 in support of the International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism established as a UNOCT Programme Office in Doha.

The International Hub will advance research in behavioural sciences to better understand the drivers and factors contributing to radicalization leading to violent extremism and terrorism; provide capacity-building assistance to Member States, regional organizations and civil society partners to develop and implement programmes, projects and initiatives that integrate behavioural insights to counter terrorism; and promote outreach and partnerships to share knowledge, expertise, experiences and lessons on behaviourally informed counter-terrorism interventions.

The Programme Office will leverage the expertise of local and regional counter-terrorism actors and enhance programming cooperation and coordination with the [United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact](#) entities operating in the field for impactful delivery. The Government of the State of Qatar has provided a financial contribution amounting to USD 5 million to be used over a period of three years for the Hub and its activities.

“The initiative to establish in Doha an International Hub on Behavioural Insights to Counter Terrorism comes in line with the role of the State of Qatar as an active partner in the international efforts to counter the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism and its focus on cutting-edge and evidence-based solutions to global challenges. The agreement to finance the International Hub demonstrates Qatar’s commitment to this active role. Qatar is pleased to host UNOCT’s Programme Office and to once again work with UNOCT on a concrete programme with promising results.” said Ambassador Al-Thani.

Under-Secretary-General Voronkov expressed appreciation to the Government of the State of Qatar for its generous contribution to the International Hub and to Ambassador Al-Thani, in particular, for her personal engagement and dedicated support to strengthening collaboration with UNOCT. Mr. Voronkov expressed his full confidence on the important contribution that the International Hub will make to supporting the counter-terrorism efforts of governments, regional organizations and civil society, and emphasized that the signing of the Contribution Agreement “is yet another strong illustration of UNOCT’s enduring strategic partnership with Qatar and our collective efforts to promote regional and international counter-terrorism cooperation.”

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