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# VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM AND COUNTERING PCVE ENTITIES

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## Press Release

**United Nations, 8 December 2020** – The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of the United Nations Office on Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) launched today a **virtual roundtable of organizations working on countering terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE)**, which is taking place from 8 to 10 December 2020.

The UNCCT Virtual Roundtable seeks to enhance international cooperation between and among organizations working on PCVE, including centres of excellence. It is a unique opportunity to exchange best practices and experiences among centres of excellence and international and regional organizations, with the goal of building and strengthening partnerships and translating them into practical results in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism. The event is attended by over 90 participants from 39 international, regional and specialized organizations.

The opening session was hosted jointly by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT and Executive Director of UNCCT, and H.E. Ambassador Abdallah Al-Mouallimi, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations and Chairman of the UNCCT Advisory Board.

In his opening statement, Mr. Voronkov, stressed that “Since its establishment almost 10 years ago, UNCCT has worked with many of [the organizations] present today. We are grateful for this cooperation which has allowed us to have a deeper impact in our work. I hope we can use this Roundtable to lay the foundation to deepen such partnerships not just between UNCCT and you, but also among all of you. UNCCT stands ready to support these efforts.”

Furthermore, H.E. Ambassador Al-Mouallimi, described today’s virtual roundtable “as an important opportunity to open the door for a constructive strategic discussion.” H.E. Ambassador Al-Mouallimi also added that “Through this roundtable discussion, we look forward to achieving the exchange of experiences and discussing best practices” which “will contribute to the

continuous efforts of the United Nations Counter Terrorism Centre.”

In addition to the opening session, the UNCCT Virtual Roundtable includes five interactive sessions on building strategic partnerships across regions; the role of human rights in countering terrorism; addressing the foreign terrorist fighter phenomenon through prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration; cybersecurity and new technologies; and border security and management.

The outcomes of this first ever Virtual Roundtable of entities working on counter-terrorism and PCVE, including the exchanges of good practices among centres of excellence, will contribute to the development of UNCCT’s new strategic programme of work.

The high-level opening session, moderated by Dr. Jehangir Khan, Director of UNCCT, included statements from key United Nations entities and partners, including: Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); H.E. Mr. Chuah Teong Ban, Director General of Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism; Ms. Michèle Coninx, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED); Dr. Abdel Aziz Al-Uwaisheg, Assistant Secretary General for Political and Negotiations Affairs of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf; Mr. Idriss Lallali Mounir, Acting Director, African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism; Mr. Edmund Fitton-Brown, Coordinator of the ISIL (Daesh)/Al-Qaida/Taliban Monitoring Team; Mr. Eelco Kessels, Executive Director of Global Center on Cooperative Security; and Ms. Violanda Botet, Deputy Executive Director of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organization of American States (OAS/CICTE).

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