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2021 Counter-Terrorism Week: Side event on Multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation: the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact – Global Counterterrorism Forum partnership

New York, 30 June 2021 – The side event on **Multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation: the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact – Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) partnership** was held virtually on 30 June 2021 as part of the Second Counter-Terrorism Week at the United Nations. The event was co-organized by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the [GCTF](#), with the support of the [United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact](#) secretariat and the GCTF Administrative Unit.

Representatives from Member States, United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities, [GCTF Inspired Institutions](#), and international and regional organizations attended the event. It featured discussions on the growing cooperation between the GCTF and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact to exchange information and mobilize expertise to support Member States in their efforts to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism. The event took stock of the GCTF Watchlisting Guidance Manual Initiative, co-led by the United States and the United Nations, the cooperation in the West Africa region, and the contributions of the GCTF Inspired Institutions to the broader United Nations-GCTF relationship.

In his welcoming remarks, **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism**, highlighted that enhancing the partnership with the GCTF has been one of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact's core priorities, noting the regular information exchanges, coordination meetings, expert events and common initiatives. He further underscored that "we must do everything we can to ensure a coherent, comprehensive, field-oriented, and human rights-based response to terrorism and violent extremism challenges magnified by the pandemic".

Ms. Michele Coninsx, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), stressed that, despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, the international community has been able to make headway in its collective efforts to counter terrorism and violent extremism leading to terrorism, owing in large part to the partnerships and synergies developed through the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and its strong collaboration with the GCTF. She then highlighted several key areas where the partnership between CTED and the GCTF has facilitated the delivery of



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technical assistance and capacity-building, identified emerging threats and trends, and initiated expert cooperation and the sharing of information and experience needed to counter terrorism.

Mr. David Drake of Canada, Co-Chair of the GCTF, emphasized: “the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy illustrates the international community’s commitment to fighting terrorism, and to working closely with Counter-Terrorism Compact entities. The GCTF shares these objectives.”

Mr. Ismail Chekkori of Morocco, Co-Chair of the GCTF, noted “as the GCTF’s partnership with the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact progresses, we look forward to working together to promote the practical use of GCTF outputs, including good practices and tools, as well United Nations Security Council resolutions and the wider United Nations counter-terrorism framework.”

The event was an occasion for representatives of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact and GCTF members to explore practical pathways for a stronger collaboration to address the ever-changing terrorism landscape.

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