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Understanding the terrorist threat in Africa

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Doha, March 30, 2022 – The high-level parliamentary conference entitled “Understanding the terrorist threat in Africa: new challenges and necessary measures” kicked-off in Doha, the State of Qatar.

The Conference is organized by the UNOCT Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism, in partnership with the African Parliamentary Union (APU) and the Shura Council of the State of Qatar.

During the conference, representatives of African National Parliaments and Parliamentary Assemblies will discuss existing and emerging terrorist threats in the African continent and identify measures to support parliamentarians in mitigating and addressing these threats through technical and capacity-building assistance, including the development or revision of national strategies and action plans to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism.

The discussions will be articulated around four sessions: i) main current and emerging terrorist threats in the African continent; ii) necessary measures to mitigate, prevent and address the current and emerging threats; iii) international technical assistance programmes and projects on counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism (CT&PVE); and iv) needs of the parliaments in Africa for technical assistance and capacity building in CT&PVE.

The Conference is expected to contribute to the identification of needs of the parliaments in Africa for technical assistance and capacity building in the area of CT&PVE as well as in a preliminary plan for the establishment of a CT&PVE network of African parliamentarians.

The the opening ceremony included addresses from the UN Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Speaker, Shura Council of the State of Qatar **H.E. Mr. Hassan bin Abdulla Al-Ghanim**, President of Executive Committee, African Parliamentary Union **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ali Houmed**, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General **Ms. Cristina Duarte** and Special Representative for West Africa and the Sahel and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel **Mr. Annadif Khatir Mahamat Saleh**.

The Conference will be held in a hybrid format with more than 100 in-person and 50 online participants. The in-person participants will include parliamentarians from over 50 African national parliaments and parliamentary assemblies as well as representatives of the UN entities and other international organisations working on the CT&PVE-related issues in Africa.

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