



**SECOND COUNTER-TERRORISM COORDINATION  
MEETING OF PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLIES  
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COUNTER-TERRORISM**

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**Naples, Italy, June 10, 2022** – The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism held the Second Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies in Naples, Italy, with the support of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, and in partnership with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).

The participants reviewed the preliminary results of the activities implemented and launched by UNOCT in cooperation with the parliamentary assemblies in 2021 and 2022, as well as counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism (CT&PVE) initiatives that parliamentary assemblies implement in their regions. The Coordination Meeting identified priorities for joint initiatives between UNOCT and parliamentary assemblies, focusing on specific thematic and geographic areas. Furthermore, the Terms of Reference for the Joint Strategic Coordination Mechanism were adopted, setting the tasks and modalities of the Mechanism in preparation for the next Coordination Meeting scheduled early 2023.

The hybrid meeting included 30 in-person and 10 virtual participants from 13 parliamentary assemblies from Africa, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Central and South Asia.

H.E. Mr. Saad bin Ahmed Elmesned, Member of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, H.E. Mr. Gennaro Migliore, President, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, and Mr. Mauro Miedico, Deputy Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre and Chief of the Special Projects and Innovation Branch of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, all provided opening remarks.

Mr. Mauro Miedico stressed the importance of legislative structure reforms and policy refinement for effective counter-terrorism measures and the critical role of parliamentarians in this regard. He reiterated support through the Parliamentary Engagement Programme Office in Doha, established with the support of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar.

H.E. Mr. Saad bin Ahmed Elmesned, Member of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, highlighted that the Coordination Mechanism will help to strengthen international cooperation around specific thematic and geographic areas and contribute to eradicating terrorism and violent extremism.

H.E. Mr. Gennaro Migliore, President, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean further described how parliamentary assemblies are the bridge between parliaments and the international community, allowing us to share lesson learned and make more efficient use of resources. Furthermore, H.E. Reinhold Lopatka (OSCE PA) was nominated as the Chair of the first presidency of the Coordination Mechanism during the closing session. In his acceptance speech, he welcomed all Parliamentary Assemblies that recognize the core values of the UN Charter to join the Coordination Mechanism, in order to reach greater efficiency in the efforts on countering terrorism.

The parliamentary assemblies that participated were the African Parliamentary Union (APU), The Arab Parliament, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly, the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (PARLATNO), the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS), the Parliament of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Parliament), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE PA), the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic-speaking Countries (TURKPA), the Parliamentary Union of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (PUIC), and the G5 Sahel Interparliamentary Committee (CIP G5 SAHEL).

The First Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies was held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 13 December 2021. The representatives of ten parliamentary assemblies from different parts of the world took part in the meeting and agreed to establish a Joint Strategic Coordination Mechanism to improve collaboration among parliamentary assemblies as well as with the United Nations and parliamentary bodies.

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- review background materials such as the concept note, draft program and information for attendees posted on the conference website.