



UNOCT and the State of Qatar Hold Fifth High-Level Strategic Dialogue

PRESS RELEASE

New York, 19 June 2023 – The State of Qatar and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) held their fifth High-Level Strategic Dialogue today. H.E. Ambassador Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations welcomed the excellent cooperation between the State of Qatar and UNOCT. Under-Secretary-General Vladimir Voronkov thanked the State of Qatar for its vital support and collaboration across all areas of UNOCT's mandate. H.E. Major General Nasser Saeed Al Hajri, Vice Chairman of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee of the State of Qatar, welcomed UNOCT's results-oriented programming since the last Strategic Dialogue held on 27 March 2022, in Doha.

Participants noted that, since the last Strategic Dialogue, UNOCT had led several UN system-wide policy processes, expanded counter-terrorism coordination and coherence through the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, strengthened efforts to mainstream human rights and gender considerations across all areas of its work, continued to advocate for the rights and needs of victims of terrorism, and worked with its partners to develop practical tools to measure the impacts of its technical assistance and capacity-building activities. Participants highlighted, in particular, the innovative work of the Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement and International Hub on Behavioral Insights to Counter Terrorism, based in Doha.

Ms. Natalia Gherman, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), and Mr. Justin Hustwitt, Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, underscored the importance of their engagement with the State of Qatar and of their partnership with UNOCT, and discussed the persisting gaps and new challenges Member States face in their efforts to adapt to the evolving terrorism threat landscape.

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