

STATEMENT

Ambassador Jonibek Hikmat, PR of Tajikistan to the UN
at the Launch of the Multi-Year Appeal
(*Virtually on Tuesday 29 June 2021, 8:00-9:30 NYC*)

Excellencies

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, USG, UNOCT,

Ms. Michele Coningx, ASG, Executive Director of CTED and

Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, USG, UNODC,

Distinguished colleagues,

I thank the organizers of today's important and timely meeting. It is an honor and pleasure for me to take part and deliver remarks at the *Launch of Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism*.

Multi-Year Appeal as a resource-mobilization mechanism is essential for securing sustainable and predictable funding. We believe MYA involving a transparent process for communicating between donors and the UN entities, provides a platform presenting an aggregated set of projects which require sustainable funding.

The [Multi-Year Appeal for 2019-2020](#), a first single appeal of the United Nations to support global, regional and national initiatives to combat terrorism and prevent violent extremism, represented a crucial step towards a coherent assessment of the United Nations funding needs to implement the four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

A project called "*Increasing National Resilience to Violent Extremism in Tajikistan through supporting National Prevention Efforts and Empowering most key at-risk groups*" was submitted by the UN Resident Coordinator and implemented by five UN agencies, including UNDP, IOM, UNODC, UNESCO, and UNICEF.

To this end, as a beneficiary of the MYA for 2019-2020, we are grateful to donor countries and organizations for providing crucial funds for ensuring predictable and sustainable funding for the UN to support counter-terrorism efforts of member states.

Distinguished colleagues,

We reiterate that the response to the ever-increasing threat of terrorism and extremism, today's global challenges, should be comprehensive, with the UN as a

key coordinator. The efforts should be focused on eliminating the military infrastructure of international terrorism, depriving them of political, military and financial support, preventing the use of the internet for countering radicalization, recruitment, and propaganda of extremism and violence.

Considering the long-term experience of our country in peacebuilding, prevention and fight against terrorism, extremism and drug trafficking, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan joined hands with the United Nations, the European Union and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe convened series of high-level international events known as “Dushanbe Process” in Tajikistan.

“Dushanbe Process” serves as an important platform for exchanging views and deliberations on the complex issues and multifaceted problems of countering terrorism and its financing and supported the importance of strengthening regional and international cooperation mechanisms.

Tajikistan will continue to enhance its efforts in this area, as set out in the Dushanbe Declaration.

Dear Colleagues,

The launch of [Multi-Year Appeal for 2021-2022](#) coincides with the adoption of Tajikistan’s new National Strategy for countering terrorism and extremism for 2021-2025 and the Action Plan of its implementation.

One of the main goals of this important document is enhancing the effectiveness of measures to prevent extremism and terrorism at the national level. By leveraging local resilience and comparative advantages of different actors, Tajikistan can offer a model for other countries facing similar challenges.

We are hopeful that our international partners will render their valuable support to Tajikistan to implement our National Strategy and its Action Plan successfully.

Therefore, my country welcomes the Launch of [Multi-Year Appeal for 2021-2022](#), which increases awareness of the resource needs and funding gaps for specific projects and programmes supporting the Member States in their counter-terrorism efforts.

To conclude, I would like to thank the organizers of today's meeting for the critical initiative and express my country`s readiness to further enhance cooperation within the framework of Multi-Year Appeal.

I thank you.