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Multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation: the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact – Global Counterterrorism Forum partnership

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Practical pathways for future collaboration

For those of you learning about the GCTF for the first time, welcome! For those of you who are steadfast supporters, we are glad that you are online with us today.

The Administrative Unit is the hub for all GCTF activity.

We play a central coordinating role in the day-to-day operations of the Forum and we maintain oversight of GCTF procedures and practices.

Though we are a member-driven multilateral counterterrorism platform, we are also outward looking.

We have always included non-member countries and organizations in our activities.

But as a relatively young multilateral platform, we recognize that we can do more to reinforce and to strengthen our partnerships.

That is why, over the past year, the Forum has made concerted efforts to grow its relationship with the Counter-Terrorism Compact.

And together, the Admin Unit and the Secretariat have advanced our practical cooperation.

We stay in touch through our established points of contact, and we have developed general guidelines to better communicate and coordinate.



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Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift to the virtual world, we have facilitated the participation of Counter-Terrorism Compact entities in numerous GCTF activities, and vice-versa.

The Admin Unit is also able to support GCTF outreach to the Counter-Terrorism Compact more broadly.

We share contact lists and facilitate the exchange of Working Group Work Plans.

This is in addition to twice-yearly coordination meetings that provide a platform to identify shared priorities and to foster open dialogue and regular collaboration.

As the GCTF approaches its tenth anniversary, it has also revamped its digital presence.

This is particularly relevant in the context of the overarching theme of this week's High-Level Conference—*“Countering and Preventing Terrorism in the Age of Transformative Technologies: Addressing the Challenges of the New Decade.”*

We know how crucial it is to be able to counter terrorist narratives and disinformation online.

The improved GCTF website and our three-month old Twitter account are critical tools to promote constructive narratives about preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

Our collective communications and outreach efforts online will contribute to greater visibility for the work of the GCTF, and that of its close partners — the Counter-Terrorism Compact and the GCTF Inspired Institutions.

And they will add to a broader understanding of what we do and why it's important!

We at the GCTF Administrative Unit look forward to expanding our practical collaboration with the Counter-Terrorism Secretariat.



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As the GCTF embarks on its second decade, the Admin Unit will continue to support and evolve with the Forum.

And we have no doubt that our partnership with the Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat will be part of this journey.

Multilateral cooperation relies on structured interactions. And it is improved by interpersonal relationships.

Which is why I would like to close by thanking our colleagues at the Counter-Terrorism Compact Secretariat for the friendly and fluid coordination that made today possible.