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## THIRD COUNTER-TERRORISM COORDINATION MEETING OF PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLIES & POLICY DIALOGUE ON BORDER SECURITY

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#### PARLIAMENTARIANS GATHER IN DOHA FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM COORDINATION MEETING AND POLICY DIALOGUE ON BORDER SECURITY

**Doha (Qatar), 30 January 2023** – Parliamentary Assemblies from around the world met in Doha to participate in the Third Counter-Terrorism Coordination Meeting, organized by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement with the support of the Shura Council of the State of Qatar, and in cooperation with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA).

The event is the latest in a series of regular parliamentary coordination meetings aimed at enhancing collaboration among parliamentary assemblies on counter-terrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE). Over 80 participants from 14 parliamentary assemblies from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East attended the hybrid meeting.

**H.E. Mr. Hassan bin Abdulla Al-Ghanim**, Speaker, Shura Council of the State of Qatar; **Hon. Reinhold Lopatka**, Vice-President and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Presidency of the Coordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies, and **Mr. Mauro Miedico**, Chief of Special Projects and Innovation Branch and Deputy Director of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, UNOCT, provided opening remarks.

During the substantive discussions, members of delegations of the attending parliamentary assemblies and thematic experts exchanged views on regional security trends and key terrorism-related issues, among them the importance of gender mainstreaming in counter-terrorism and PCVE legislation and policymaking. Parliamentary representatives also identified potential future initiatives, and agreed on a preliminary workplan for 2023 and revised Terms of Reference for the Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism.

The meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies continues tomorrow, on 31 January with a **Parliamentary Policy Dialogue on border security and cross-border cooperation in the context of counter-terrorism**. Participants will discuss main challenges and threats to border security stemming from terrorist groups and deliberate on measures that can be taken at the international and regional level to address existing gaps and ensure better cross-border cooperation in countering terrorist threats.

The First Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies took place in Doha, State of Qatar, on 13 December 2021. Representatives of ten parliamentary assemblies from different parts of the world took part in the meeting and agreed to establish a Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism to improve collaboration among parliamentary assemblies as well as with the United Nations and parliamentary bodies. The Second Coordination Meeting was held in Naples, Italy on 10 June 2022, with the participation of 13 parliamentary assemblies from Africa, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Central and South Asia. Participants identified priorities for joint initiatives between UNOCT and parliamentary assemblies focusing on specific thematic and geographic areas, as well as developed and agreed on the modalities of the Coordination Mechanism. The fourth Coordination Meeting will be held in June 2023.

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