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### UNOCT AND HUNGARY SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING TERRORIST TRAVEL AND SERIOUS CRIMES

**New York, 13 June 2023** – The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Government of Hungary signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to formalize their partnership in preventing and countering terrorist travel and serious crimes under the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme.

**Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary** exchanged signatures at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Mr. Voronkov thanked the Government of Hungary for its ongoing cooperation with UNOCT and highlighted that the MoU *“is a symbol of the solid partnership and mutual commitment between Hungary and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism to work together and share best-practices to enhance terrorist detection capabilities using passenger data.”*

*“The signing of this agreement is another step in Hungary’s unwavering support to the activities of the UN in countering terrorism, one of the greatest global security threats of our time. It also compliments our significant financial contributions given to the programme through supporting the Budapest office of UNOCT,”* Minister Szijjártó said.

The MoU recognizes a common interest in strengthening global cooperation in preventing and countering terrorism and the need for a holistic approach that addresses a myriad of threats collectively and simultaneously, based on the principles of prevention, coordination and cooperation. The strategic partnership between UNOCT, under the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, and the Government of Hungary, establishes a framework to cooperate, leverage respective expertise, and share best practices, challenges, lessons learned and recommendations with regard to using Advance Passenger Information (API), and Passenger Name Record (PNR) to counter terrorism and other serious crimes.

The [UN Countering Terrorist Travel \(‘CT Travel’\) Programme](#) was launched in 2019 to support Member States respond to the growing threat posed by the movement of foreign terrorist fighters. The Programme is a global initiative that aims to build Member States capacities to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist offences and other serious crimes, including their related travel, by collecting and analyzing passenger data, both API and PNR, in line with United Nations Security Council resolutions, [2178](#) (2014), [2396](#) (2017), and [2482](#) (2019), international standards and best practices and human rights principles.

A flagship global initiative led by the [United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism \(UNOCT\)](#), the Programme follows an “All-of-UN” approach to provide comprehensive, yet tailored assistance to 65 beneficiary Member States, with the support and expertise of six implementing partners: [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate \(CTED\)](#), the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), the [International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#), the [United Nations Office of Information and Communication Technology \(OICT\)](#), the [International Criminal Police Organization \(INTERPOL\)](#), and the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#).



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