



Press Release

High-level Conference on Countering Terrorism and the Use of New Technologies starts in Minsk

Minsk, 03 September 2019 – The joint Belarus-UN International High-level Conference on Counter-Terrorism and the Use of New and Emerging Technologies, co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, started its work today in Minsk, Belarus.

The Conference brings together more than 400 participants from 55 countries, including members and partners of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, members of the Association of South East Asian Nations, international organizations, NGOs and civil society organizations as well as the private sector to address most pressing issues of counter-terrorism through technology such as online radicalization, artificial intelligence, hacking, lethal autonomous weapons and the cross-border travel of foreign terrorist fighters.

The President of the Republic of Belarus, Aleksandr Lukashenko, outlined in his opening remarks that “The creation of a united counter-terrorism front with the efforts of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the European Union, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and other international organizations is the only true way to counter this threat vigorously and effectively”.

The United Nations Under-Secretary-

threat of new technologies being used by terrorists, and how to counter it while upholding human rights.

This Conference is the fourth in a series of regional conferences on counter-terrorism that follow-up on the first-ever UN High-level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism of Member States, which focused on “strengthening international cooperation to combat the evolving threat of terrorism,” and was held in New York on June 28-29, 2018 under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres. These conferences are taking place around the world.