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Memorandum of Agreement

IOM and UNOCT sign an agreement to collaborate on API/PNR technical assistance

NEW YORK/GENEVA, 28 January 2022 - The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) today signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) formalizing the partners between the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel (CT Travel) Programme and the Immigration and Border Management programming of IOM. The agreement establishes a framework that will allow IOM and UNOCT to provide through the CT Travel Programme, joint support and technical assistance to Member States to enhance national capacities to detect and interdict the travel of terrorist and other serious criminals by using Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data.

The signing of the MoA took place during a hybrid ceremony between the Deputy to the Under-Secretary General and Director of UNOCT, Mr. Raffi Gregorian, and the Director of the Department of Programme Support and Migration Management, Ms. Monica Goracci.

This agreement will formalize the ongoing collaboration, enhance coordination between the CT Travel Programme Partners and IOM field operations and will promote synergies among the respective expertise for more comprehensive and coherent support to Member States.

Currently supporting 50 beneficiary Member States across the globe, UNOCT's flagship global initiative assists beneficiary Member States in enhancing their national capabilities to detect and intercept terrorists and serious criminals by using API and PNR data and cross-checking against INTERPOL, and other international and national databases of known and suspected terrorists and criminals, in accordance with Security Council resolutions 2178 (2014),