

**Opening remarks of Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,  
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**Virtual Launch**

***Technical guidelines to facilitate the implementation of Security Council resolution 2370 (2017), related good practices and international standards***

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the launch of *the Technical guidelines to facilitate the implementation of Security Council resolution 2370 (2017) on preventing terrorists from acquiring weapon.iu2#*

Scharia as Officer in Charge, and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), represented by Director Robin Geiss.

CTED, as Chair of the Working Group, and UNIDIR, as the main drafter of the document, worked closely with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre of my Office to develop and promote the guidelines in the context of a joint project generously funded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues,

The threat of terrorism is complex, multifaceted, and evolving. Many factors play a role in worsening the nature of this threat. One in particular is central to the very modus operandi of terrorism and, indeed, of critical importance in our response to prevent and combat it, namely, the acquisition of weapons by terrorists.

The increasing diversion of small arms and light weapons to terrorists; the increasing use of improvised explosive devices;

small arms and light weapons, improvised explosive devices and unmanned aircraft systems.

The guidelines also seek to identify challenges and opportunities within and beyond existing frameworks, as well as initiatives to strengthen preventative, preparedness and response measures and approaches.

I am pleased to announce that a number of regional workshops to roll-out and promote the use of the guidelines will be organized in the Caribbean, Europe, the Sahel and Maghreb regions. The workshops will be part of the working group joint project and will be held between April and September 2022. We look forward to working with Member States on these important engagements.

I would like to conclude by highlighting that both the technical guidelines and working group joint project reinforce the all-of-UN approach and presents a clear example of the harmonization of theory and practice within the United Nations.

I am confident both efforts will contribute to our common goal of making the world more secure and free from terrorism.

And I thank you.