



Hence, there is the potential of escalating terrorist activity as restrictions are lifted. This creates the need for continued vigilance and enhanced border security and management. We should therefore be

The Programme assists Member States in four critical areas for establishing an effective API/PNR system: legal; operational; engagement with the transportation industry; and technical assistance support, including the provision at no cost of the state-of-the-art UN 'goTravel' software system, which has been developed from a system generously donated by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

In addition to air passenger data, the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme is adding a maritime component as well as other technological developments.

The Programme promotes also a regional approach, providing Member States an opportunity to participate in regional informal working groups and in a Cooperative Online Platform to share best practices and facilitate efficient information exchange.

Despite the operational challenges that emerged as a result of the global pandemic, the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme has continued to expand.

Despite limited travel to beneficiary Member States and direct physical engagement with the government counterparts, the UN CT Travel Programme is facilitating and providing much-needed technical assistance through virtual platforms and mechanisms, to aid in the establishment of effective API and PNR data systems.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me close by thanking all our generous donors, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the European Union, the United States of America, the State of Qatar, Australia, Japan, the Republic of India, and Hungary, as well as other partners, who have supported and collaborated with the Programme to-date.

I look forward to hearing about the results of these discussions over the next days and to continue working with all of you to strengthen our efforts to counter terrorist travel.

I thank you for your attention.