

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

**Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee commemorating the
20th anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)
and the establishment of the Committee**

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Statement of

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Excellencies, distinguished participants,

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Member States analysis the advance outcomes of the two surveys, highlighting the progress made and the remaining challenges.

Second, on facilitating the delivery of technical assistance.

Member States are obligated to take effective measures to meet the requirements of the Council resolutions, but the international community also

In all our endeavours, we remain committed to upholding core values and our obligations under international law.

Effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals.

Rather, they are both essential elements of successful counter-terrorism approaches.

CTED routinely integrates relevant human rights concerns into all its activities, including in its country assessments, desk review profiles, the facilitation of technical assistance, and other interactions with Member States.

I would also add that CTED has and continues to mainstream the gender dimension into all its work.

Mr. Chair, Excellencies, distinguished participants,

Twenty years the global
terrorist threat persists and continues to evolve.

We face a number of new and significant challenges, such as new tactics and operational methods employed by terrorist groups; the return and relocation of foreign terrorist fighters and family members; the increasing links between transnational crime and terrorism; and the terrorist acts motivated by xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, and violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

We also face the threat posed by the misuse of ICT and other technological developments such as artificial intelligence, cryptocurrencies, and 3D printing for terrorist purposes, as well as issues relating to the roles of women and children in

terrorism, restrictions on humanitarian assistance operations, and shrinking civic space.

In all our efforts to address these challenges, we must continue to ensure full respect for, and protection of, human rights and the rule of law, while also continuing to integrate a gender- and age-sensitive approach and strengthen public-private partnerships.

And even as we recall the many heinous terrorist attacks that have occurred throughout the world over the past two decades, recent developments, including that Afghanistan, remind us that the global fight against terrorism is far from over.

As we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1373 and the establishment of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, and as we continue to address the rapidly evolving terrorist landscape, let us reaffirm our commitment to multilateralism and to our common values and principles as enshrined in a series of adopted Security Council and General Assembly resolutions.

Rest assured that CTED continues to stand ready to assist Member States in their efforts to combat the global terrorist threat, acting under the policy guidance of the Committee and in accordance with the relevant Council resolutions.

Thank you.