

## **ADDRESS**

Committees Executive Directorate during its assessment visits to the Central Asian states. Our experts, as part of delegations, participated in the assessment of implementation of the UN SC's Resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014), in the countries of the region, and presented their findings and recommendations.

In their addresses, the representatives of the CTED and the Central Asian states have already informed us about the status of the issue that's under consideration, **in the context of each country.**

Meanwhile, as one of the senior managers of the SCO RATS, I consider it important to brief the attendants about the mechanisms and tools for **joint activities of** the competent bodies of the SCO member states in the counter-terrorism sphere, covering part of the period when the assessment missions were conducted in Central Asia including some of the practical outcomes.

Dear colleagues!

Within 15 years of RATS

CTC and competent authorities of regional states, are identical, including in the course of their interaction within the SCO RATS framework.

Similarly, the interaction mechanisms applied in the RATS are in line with the UN Security Council Resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 2178 (2014).

The secure data bank maintained by the RATS covering more than 7,000 persons, based on the single registers, enables proper exchange of information and efficient identification, detainment and extradition of terrorist fighters. Only in 2017, 150 individuals who were on the wanted list were extradited. In this specific sphere we would like to build a practice cooperation with Interpol thru a project Kalkan.

Moreover, the interstate secure communication system, to be launched this year, will enhance the telecommunications capacity of the member states' competent authorities, providing permanent remote access to the operational database and real-time exchange of private information, including in the conference call mode.

These coordination activities yield positive results. Thus, over the past five years, more than 600 crimes of a terrorist nature have been suppressed at the stage of preparation, with more than 2,000 members of international terrorist organizations neutralized. Every year, access is restricted to about 100,000 Internet resources with terrorism related content. A credit for a large share of these results` should go` to the competent authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, and it demonstrates their high counter-terroristic potential.

At the Summit of the Heads of SCO Member States held on June 10, 2018 in Qingdao, China, the SCO Member States' Programme on

Cooperation in Combating Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism for 2019–2021 was approved. It will allow the SCO member states, including the four countries of the Central Asia, to implement a set of activities in line with the above-mentioned thematic UN Security Council resolutions.

Dear colleagues!

On behalf of the SCO RATS, I would like to thank the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council and its Executive Directorate for the assessment visits to the Central Asia. They allowed the countries of the region to take into account an external authoritative view of the situation when working on improving the national counter-terrorism programs and strategies for interaction, within the framework of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

In conclusion, we at the SCO RATS value the relationships with the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate and their high level of trust during the participation in assessment visits. While doing this work, we fully recognized the level of responsibility and acted based on understanding that our views and approaches in striving to build a unified world, free from threats and manifestations of terrorism, were absolutely aligned.

We want to reconfirm that the SCO RATS will continue to be a reliable and loyal partner of the UN SC Counter-Terrorism Committee.

**Thank you for attention!**