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## Letter dated 28 March 2014 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

Attached hereto is the work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and its Executive Directorate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed pursuant to the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1566 (2004), 1624 (2005), 1805 (2008), 1963 (2010) and 2129 (2013).

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, even-handedness and consistency in approach. The Committee will remain focused on monitoring and promoting the implementation by Member States of resolution 1373 (2001) and on taking practical measures to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States, including measures aimed at facilitating technical assistance. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with Member States. The Committee will also continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The Committee welcomes the support it receives from Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the assistance of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

The Committee would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

> (Signed) Raimonda Murmokaitė Chair Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism





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## Annex

## Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2014

## I. Introduction

1. The overarching goal of the Counter-Terrorism Committee is to ensure the full implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee is further directed to include in its dialogue with Member States their efforts to implement Security Council resolution 1624 (2005).

2. Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005), 1963 (2010), 2129 (2013) and all other relevant Security Council resolutions, presidential statements and reports of the Committee constitute the guidance for the work of the Committee and of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

## II. Work programme

3. The Committee will continue to pursue a strategic and transparent approach to its work and, with the support of the Executive Directorate and the Secretariat, will continue to streamline its working methods, as appropriate, in order to achieve the priority objectives set out below.

## A. Monitoring, promoting and facilitating the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005)

4. The Committee and the Executive Directorate will collaborate actively with Member States to monitor, promote and facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

5. The Committee will continue to take stock of the implementation efforts of Member States in respect of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) through two assessment tools (the overview of implementation assessment and the detailed implementation survey) and continue to identify the challenges and needs of each Member State and region and facilitate the delivery of targeted technical assistance in that regard.

6. The Committee will consider information from the Executive Directorate regarding its progress in updating the technical guide to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) in order to reflect the additional elements prescribed in the detailed implementation survey.

7. The Committee intends to consider taking stock, based on information provided by the Executive Directorate, of the implementation of the recommendations identified in the visit reports in order to assess the progress made by Member States and the effectiveness of the overall capacity-building framework and the assistance provided by relevant partners.

8. The Committee will consider the Executive Directorate's proposed workplan for updating the versions of the global implementation surveys of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), based on information gathered through the detailed implementation survey and other responses submitted by Member States.

9. The Committee will consider, based on the proposal of the Executive Directorate, a new list of country visits to be conducted during the period from January 2014 to December 2017, aimed at, inter alia, following up its previous visits, facilitating technical assistance to enhance the capacity-building of Member States, addressing evolving terrorism trends and methods and identifying good practices, experiences and lessons learned in countering terrorism.

10. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will invite relevant officials from Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, to address the Committee on thematic or regional issues relating to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

11. The Committee will request the Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to hold periodic briefings for Member States on thematic or regional aspects of the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

12. The Committee will continue organizing special meetings and events on themes and issues of common concern and interest to Member States, with a view to maximizing the impact of the resolutions and sustaining the commitment of the international community to combat terrorism. The Committee will consider necessary follow-up activities, based on proposals by the Executive Directorate following a review by the Directorate of the outcomes of such meetings and events.

13. The Committee will, in close cooperation with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and in accordance with its mandate, pay special attention to States concerning which information on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) is lacking and discuss how best to enhance its dialogue with those States.

14. The Committee will report orally, through its Chair, to the Security Council on the state of the overall work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate, and, as appropriate, in conjunction with the reports by the Chairs of the Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

15. Pursuant to resolution 2129 (2013), the Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will continue to work closely with Member States, including during country visits, on the development of comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies and on identifying available practices, elements and good standards.

16. The Committee will continue to call for the closest possible cooperation among the expert groups of the three Security Council Committees pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, on enhanced and systematized information-sharing, coordination on visits and participation in workshops, technical assistance and relations with international, regional and subregional organizations, and will consider information from the Executive Directorate on the implementation of common strategies.

17. The Committee will consider information and proposals from the Executive Directorate on the promotion of international cooperation, the identification of emerging issues, trends and developments related to resolutions 1373 (2001) and

1624 (2005) and practical ways for Member States to implement the two resolutions.

18. The Committee will consider a comprehensive approach to preventing the spread of terrorism and incitement of terrorist acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance, consistent with resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). It will further consider information from the Executive Directorate on its engagement and enhancement of partnerships with international, regional and subregional organizations, development entities, civil society, academia and other entities in conducting research and information-gathering and identifying good practices, in support of the Committee's efforts to promote the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

19. The Committee will address the issue of the evolving nexus between terrorism and information and communication technologies, in particular the Internet, and the use of such technologies to commit terrorist acts, in accordance with resolution 2129 (2013).

20. The Committee will consider information and proposals from the Executive Directorate on its activities to enhance its dialogue and information-sharing with special envoys, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including during the planning stage of missions, as appropriate, in relation to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

#### B. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States

21. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to strengthening the role of the Executive Directorate in facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to Member States for the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). In that context, the Committee intends to consider, based on proposals of the Executive Directorate, tools to measure the impact of donor-supported project activity linked to building capacity and cooperation.

22. The Committee will conduct an annual review and forecast of activities to facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and cooperation in that area.

23. The Committee, assisted by the Executive Directorate, will continue its close cooperation with the relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations aimed at enhancing the capacity of Member States to fully implement resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and at facilitating the delivery of technical assistance.

#### C. Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005)

24. The Committee will consider information from the Executive Directorate in respect of its continuation to pay close attention to resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with Member States; its work with Member States to develop, in accordance with their obligations under international law, strategies that include countering incitement of terrorist acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance; and its facilitation of technical assistance for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

25. The Committee will continue to encourage States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) to do so. The Committee will also guide and support the Executive Directorate in its efforts to achieve full implementation of its plan of action, including its updates and relevant good practices for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

#### D. Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

26. On the basis of the participation of the Executive Directorate in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, the Committee will continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The Committee, based on regular briefings by the Executive Directorate on its activities within the framework of the Task Force, will continue its discussions on issues relating to the implementation of the Strategy.

## E. Human rights in the context of counter-terrorism

27. The Committee will consider information from the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate regarding its progress in further developing activities in this area, to ensure that all human rights and rule of law issues relevant to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) are addressed consistently and even-handedly, including, as appropriate, regarding country visits organized with the consent of the visited Member State and the delivery of technical assistance.

## **III.** Other matters

28. The Committee will consider, based on the proposal of the Executive Directorate, a communication strategy aimed at promoting the visibility of the role and activities of the Committee and the Executive Directorate in counter-terrorism.

29. The Committee will consider information by the Executive Directorate on necessary efforts to co-locate the Executive Directorate and relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

## Appendix

# Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for 2014

## I. Introduction

1. The work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124) and takes into account the work programme of the Committee for the same period, as well as the directions provided to it by the Security Council in its resolution 2129 (2013).

2. The Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee to achieve its objectives in the areas defined in the Committee's work programme; to report regularly to the Committee on its work, including in its mission reports and semi-annual report; and to respond to any additional requests made during the reporting period.

## **II.** Work programme

## A. Monitoring, promoting and facilitating the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005)

3. The Executive Directorate will continue to support the Committee and collaborate actively with Member States to monitor, promote and facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

4. In order to further strengthen the monitoring of the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) by Member States, the Executive Directorate will continue to take stock of their implementation efforts, using the Committee's revised assessment tools (the overview of implementation assessment and the detailed implementation survey); to identify the challenges and needs of all Member States and regions; and to facilitate the delivery of targeted technical assistance in that regard.

5. The Executive Directorate will also continue its constructive dialogue with Member States, through meetings held at United Nations Headquarters, visits, workshops, and videoconferences with officials in the relevant capitals, in order to inform the Committee about the implementation by Member States of the relevant counter-terrorism resolutions, as reflected in their responses to the detailed implementation survey and the overview of implementation assessment; provide information about new counter-terrorism measures taken and updates on the facilitation of technical assistance delivery; and indicate any further needs in that regard.

6. The Executive Directorate will keep the Committee informed about its plan for updating the Committee's technical guide to the implementation of resolution 1373

(2001) to reflect the additional elements provided for in the detailed implementation survey.

7. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in taking stock of the implementation of the recommendations identified in the visit reports in order to assess the progress made by Member States as well as the effectiveness of the overall capacity-building framework and the assistance provided by relevant partners.

8. The Executive Directorate will keep the Committee informed about plans in respect of its work on updating the versions of the global implementation surveys of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), based on information gathered through the detailed implementation survey and other responses submitted by Member States.

9. The Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee proposals on a list of country visits to be conducted during the period from January 2014 to December 2017 aimed at, inter alia, following up on previous visits; facilitating technical assistance to enhance capacities of Member States; addressing emerging terrorism trends and methods; and identifying good practices, experiences and lessons learned in countering terrorism.

10. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in its arrangement to invite relevant officials from Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to address the Committee on thematic or regional issues relating to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

11. The Executive Directorate will work in close cooperation with relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force to hold periodic briefings for Member States on thematic or regional aspects of the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

12. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in organizing special meetings and events on themes and issues of common concern and interest to Member States with a view to maximizing the impact of the relevant resolutions and sustaining the commitment of the international community to combat terrorism. The Executive Directorate will also submit to the Committee proposals on necessary follow-up activities.

13. The Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with the Security Council Committees pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and 1540 (2004) and in accordance with its mandate, will continue to assist the Committee in paying special attention to Member States with respect to which information on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) is lacking and to discuss how best to enhance the Committee's dialogue with those States.

14. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in reporting orally, through its Chair, to the Security Council on the state of the overall work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate, and, as appropriate, in conjunction with the reports by the Chairs of the Committee pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

15. Pursuant to resolution 2129 (2013), the Executive Directorate will continue to assist the Committee to work closely with Member States, including during country visits, on the development of comprehensive and integrated counter-terrorism strategies and to identify available practices, elements and good standards.

16. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee on the implementation of common strategies to strengthen its cooperation with the expert groups of the Security Council Committees pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, on enhanced and systematized information-sharing, coordination of visits and participation in workshops, facilitation of technical assistance delivery and relations with international, regional and subregional organizations, and will continue to promote the implementation of those common strategies.

17. The Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee proposals on ways to promote international cooperation, information about emerging issues, trends and developments relating to resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and practical ways for Member States to strengthen their implementation of the two resolutions.

18. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in its consideration of a comprehensive approach to prevent the spread of terrorism and incitement of terrorist acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance, consistent with resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). The Executive Directorate will keep the Committee informed about its engagement and enhancement of partnerships with international, regional and subregional organizations, development entities, civil society, academia and other entities in conducting research and information-gathering and identifying good practices.

19. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in addressing the evolving nexus between terrorism and information and communication technologies, in particular the Internet, as well as the use of such technologies to commit terrorist acts, in accordance with resolution 2129 (2013).

20. The Executive Directorate will provide the Committee with information and proposals on its activities to enhance its dialogue and share information with special envoys, the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, including during the planning of missions, as appropriate, in relation to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).

#### B. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States

21. The Executive Directorate will continue to facilitate technical assistance, specifically by promoting engagement between providers of capacity-building assistance and recipients. In that regard, the Directorate will elaborate a list of the projects included in its donor-supported activity linked to building capacity and cooperation. The Executive Directorate will also follow up with submission to the Committee of proposals on appropriate approaches and methodologies needed to assess the impact of its project activities that have been supported by donors to address specific identified technical assistance needs of the recipient Member States.

22. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in its conduct of an annual review and forecast of activities to facilitate the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and cooperation in that regard.

23. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in working in close cooperation with the relevant Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force entities and international, regional and subregional organizations with a view to enhancing

the capacity of Member States to fully implement resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) and facilitating the delivery of technical assistance.

#### C. Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005)

24. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee in respect of its continuation to pay close attention to resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with Member States; its work with Member States to develop, in accordance with their obligations under international law, strategies that include countering incitement of terrorists acts motivated by violent extremism and intolerance; and its facilitation of technical assistance for that implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

25. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee on its efforts to achieve full implementation of its plan of action, including its updates and relevant good practices for the implementation of resolution 1624 (2005).

#### D. Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

26. The Executive Directorate will provide regular briefings to the Committee on its activities within the framework of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and on issues relating to the implementation of the Strategy.

#### E. Human rights in the context of counter-terrorism

27. The Executive Directorate will provide information to the Committee on its further development of activities in this area, to ensure that all human rights and rule of law issues relevant to the implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) are addressed consistently and even-handedly, including, as appropriate, on country visits organized with the consent of the visited Member States and on the delivery of technical assistance.

## **III.** Other matters

28. The Executive Directorate will submit to the Committee proposals on a communication strategy aimed at promoting the visibility of the role and activities of the Committee and the Executive Directorate in counter-terrorism.

29. The Executive Directorate will provide to the Committee information on necessary efforts to co-locate the Executive Directorate and relevant entities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.