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Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee with international, regional and subregional organizations

Counter-Terrorism Committee Follow-up action Plan

Deepening contacts with international, regional and subregional organizations

1. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will seek to deepen its contacts with the relevant international, regional and subregional organizations as listed in the annex to this note.

Improving the flow of information

2. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

- (a) Deepen the exchange of information on the matters covered by resolution 1373 (2001), with and among relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and States;
- (b) Further develop its web site, a key communication tool;
- (c) Further develop its Directory of Contact Points, to include the details of individuals/offices in all States, international, regional and subregional organizations;
- (d) Pursue and promote other initiatives aimed at improving the flow of information, including those outlined below.

International best practices, codes and standards

3. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

- (a) Make information easily available on international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), and encourage the continuing exchange of information between all relevant bodies on such matters;

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(b) Bear in mind international best practices, codes and standards in the field of counter-terrorism relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001);

(c) Facilitate the exchange of information on States' implementation of international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

4. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will undertake the following action in this regard:

(a) The Committee will, by 31 May 2003, create on its web site an "International Best Practices, Codes and Standards" section, and invite international, regional and subregional organizations to submit relevant information and/or links;

(b) The Committee will encourage all international, regional and subregional organizations to promote the wider implementation of best practices, codes and standards within their purview, and develop guidance "implementation kits" and assistance programmes to help their member States and other interested States to implement such best practices, codes and standards. The Committee will encourage the development of information packs to facilitate accession to the 12 international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism;

(c) The Committee and its experts will bear in mind international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) when preparing and finalizing outgoing letters to States. In this regard, the Committee will include in outgoing letters as appropriate an invitation to States:

(i) To let the Committee know, as a matter of information, the details of any efforts to implement international best practices, codes and standards which are relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001);

(ii) To submit, on a voluntary basis, as part of their reporting to the Committee, any relevant reports or questionnaires submitted to an organization with which the Counter-Terrorism Committee has formal contacts and which is involved in monitoring international codes and standards, and to share with the Committee the findings or conclusions reached by such organizations;

(d) The Committee will seek to further its transparent approach, improve the flow of information to other organizations and reduce the reporting burden on States, for instance by encouraging every State to allow the Counter-Terrorism Committee to include on its web site the Committee's outgoing letters to the State concerned;

(e) The Committee will encourage international, regional and subregional organizations to share information on monitoring. The Committee will, through its experts, by 31 May 2003, contact every organization involved in monitoring international best practices, codes and standards to explore avenues of cooperation and information exchange;

(f) The Committee will remain aware of the interaction between its activities and human rights concerns, and of the need for respect for the rule of law and human rights obligations.

The role of regional and subregional organizations in the field of counter-terrorism

5. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Maintain a directory of contact points to facilitate international cooperation on counter-terrorism matters, and encourage all regional and subregional organizations, as well as international organizations, to develop their own list of contact points to facilitate information flow within their region and with other regions and subregions;

(b) Improve the flow of information on the activities of regional and subregional organizations by creating a "Regional Action" section of the Counter-Terrorism Committee's web site;

(c) Encourage regional and subregional organizations to step up their action on counter-terrorism, consistent with their mandates, and develop and share action plans for 2003/2004.

6. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will take the following action in this regard:

(a) The Committee will maintain an up-to-date directory of contact points in all international, regional and subregional organizations that are a focal point within each organization on matters related to counter-terrorism;

(b) The Committee will, by 31 May 2003, create a "Regional Action" area of its web site to include information on the activities of regional and subregional organizations, and copies of any action plans developed. It will liaise with the Organization of American States on the conference it has proposed to host to help regional and subregional organizations to further define their roles;

(c) The Committee will encourage regional and subregional organizations to develop institutional machinery devoted to countering terrorism, including building counter-terrorism policies into their priorities for work on security and development, and procedures for capturing and disseminating to member States information on best practices, codes and standards;

(d) The Committee will encourage regional and subregional organizations to develop an awareness of their members' implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant international best practices, codes and standards and needs for further assistance, and communicate such information to the Committee and potential assistance providers.

Facilitating the provision of assistance

7. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will:

(a) Develop and maintain the Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance to ensure that it is an up-to-date, comprehensive resource to assist States in improving their capacity against terrorism;

(b) Develop and maintain the Matrix of Needs to ensure that it includes comprehensive information on each State's assistance needs (if any) and indicates the relative priorities for each State's requests;

(c) Ensure that every reasonable assistance request is met during 2003/2004.

8. The Counter-Terrorism Committee will take the following action in this regard:

(a) Encourage assistance providers to incorporate in wider capacity-building assistance programmes a focus on building counter-terrorism capacity, to give training a higher priority, and to ensure that all programmes are timely and results-focused. The Committee will explore what further instruments are needed in this area;

(b) Encourage all States, international, regional and subregional organizations to submit regularly information to the Counter-Terrorism Committee's Directory of Counter-Terrorism Information and Sources of Assistance, an online one-stop shop for those looking for details of assistance programmes, self-help packages and guidance;

(c) The Committee, with advice from its group of experts, will maintain an updated, comprehensive prioritized Matrix of Needs and will:

(i) Circulate it to all international, regional and subregional organizations, and to States which request a copy, on the first day of each month;

(ii) Invite all such organizations and States to ensure that the Matrix remains up to date by submitting relevant new information to the Committee's expert team by the 15th of each month.

Annex

List of international, regional and subregional organizations with which the Counter-Terrorism Committee will deepen contacts

I. Intergovernmental organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and/or maintaining permanent offices at Headquarters

African Union
African Development Bank
Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization
Asian Development Bank
Caribbean Community
Commonwealth Secretariat
Commonwealth of Independent States
– Anti-Terrorist Centre
– Executive Committee
Council of Europe
– Moneyval Committee
European Union
– Presidency of the European Union
– European Commission
Inter-American Development Bank
Inter-Parliamentary Union
Interpol
International Organization for Migration
International Organization of la Francophonie
League of Arab States
Organization of the Islamic Conference
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
Organization of American States
– Inter-American Committee against Terrorism
Pacific Islands Forum

II. Other relevant organizations and bodies

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
Association of South-East Asian Nations

Bank of International Settlements
– Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
Caribbean Development Bank
Caribbean Financial Action Task Force
Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money-Laundering Group
Economic Community of West African States
Egmont Group
Europol
Financial Action Task Force
Financial Action Task Force for South America
Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Republic of Moldova Group
Gulf Cooperation Council
International Association of Insurance Supervisors
International Bar Association
International Peace Academy
International Organization of Securities Commissions
Islamic Development Bank
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Offshore Group of Banking Supervisors
Shanghai Cooperation Organization
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
Southern African Development Community
South-East European Cooperation Process
South European Cooperation Initiative
World Customs Organization

III. Specialized agencies/United Nations funds and programmes

International Atomic Energy Agency
International Civil Aviation Organization
International Monetary Fund
International Maritime Organization
Office on Drugs and Crime
– Global Programme on Terrorism
– Global Programme against Money Laundering

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
International Telecommunication Union
Universal Postal Union
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
United Nations Children's Fund
World Bank
World Health Organization

IV. Secretariat departments

Department for Disarmament Affairs
Department of Public Information
Department of Political Affairs
Office of Legal Affairs
