

## Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

### **Executive Director's Opening Statement during the briefing on the Committee's revised documents and procedures for assessing Member States' implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005).**

Let me begin by reiterating what the Chairman has just said, notably that the revised procedures we are introducing today, are no more than a refinement on a process that has been in place for the last 12 years and that is grounded in resolution 1373. We hope that these changes will help Member States better understand how far they have proceeded in implementing resolutions 1373 and 1624, and will assist the Committee and CTED to gain a clearer picture of how the international community is going in dealing with the terrorism challenge. This will better inform the Global Implementation Survey and will help to focus our technical assistance and other activities.

As mentioned by the Chairman, the Preliminary Implementation Assessment (PIA) has been in use for the past 7 years. It helped us to collect and present a great deal of information and, hopefully, it has served as a useful diagnostic tool for MS in working out where they can strengthen their counter-terrorism measures.

But the PIA is not a very user-friendly document. By tabulating the information in columns and boxes it was not easy to read or to draw clear conclusions from, and over time, particularly when comments from states were incorporated, some of these documents became very long and unwieldy – sometimes more than 100 pages.

Moreover the PIA did not allow for manipulation of data by IT applications in ways that would enable us to present particular aspects of counter-terrorism in graphic or pictorial form, something that would enhance documents such as the GIS. In essence what we were looking to do was to make this key document simpler, more transparent, and more useful in terms of the data it was conveying.

Let me say a little about how we have done that.

We have simplified the process by dividing the old PIA into 2 parts, the Overview of Implementation Assessment (OIA) and the Detailed Implementation Survey (DIS). The former, the OIA, which will only be a 4 page document, will be the basis of the dialogue between the Committee and the relevant Member State; the latter, the DIS, will contain much more detail but will remain an internal working document of CTED.

Additionally these new assessment documents look at implementation of Security Council Resolution 1624, in addition to Security Council Resolution 1373. This merges two separate reporting and analysis processes, thus reducing further the burden on Member States.

We have increased the transparency of the process by ensuring that the reports considered by the Committee will be exactly the same as the reports shared with the Member State concerned – something that does not happen with the PIA. Moreover, the focus of the questions within the DIS is much more specific than in the past, so less open to subjective interpretation. There is an

increased emphasis on closed questions (i.e. questions requiring a “yes” or “no” answer) and the responses received from Member States will be included as an annex to the assessment documents.

Finally, Member States have the opportunity to make their assessments available to other Member States.

Let me say something about what you can expect over the next weeks and months.

CTED experts, (who will shortly provide further details on the nature of the new documents and procedures), have now started to migrate data, from historic completed PIAs and comments received, into the new OIA and DIS documents. CTED experts will also be drawing on information gathered in the course of CTC assessment missions as well as relevant documents prepared by other UN entities and data publicly available in the Member State concerned. As with the old PIA, there is nothing for Member States to do until they receive a completed OIA and DIS from the Committee.

This process will continue over the coming months but will obviously take some time. The first “tranche” of Member States may receive the new documents before the summer. Most will be receiving theirs in 2014. Pending the changeover to the OIA and DIS in each state, the PIA will continue to be the basic assessment tool used by the Committee and CTED.

Over the next few months, CTED experts will begin to reach out to the focal points in your respective Missions to explain the specific details of the new assessment tools further.

In the meantime, for those Missions that are interested, we are ready to provide you with electronic versions of the templates for the OIA and DIS. Kindly approach the desk located at the back of this conference room and provide CTED staff with your email address in order to facilitate your request.