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I have had the honour to chair the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) since the beginning of 2013. It gives me great pleasure to brief the Security Council on the work of the Committee since the previous briefing, held in November last year.

The Committee continues to be guided in its work by the relevant Security Council resolutions, especially resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and 1963 (2010), and continues to play a critical role in promoting and facilitating their implementation.

In accordance with its programme of work for 2013, the Committee is organizing a special meeting open to the wider United Nations membership, and two other special events, focusing on key aspects of the Committee's mandate. The first special event, to be held on 24 May 2013, will be focused on "countering terrorism through the use of new communications and information technologies." In organizing this special event, the Committee seeks to explore with Member States recent technological advances, good practices and effective measures taken particularly in the areas of border controls, mobile telecommunications and the internet, within the framework of implementing resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). The Committee looks forward to the participation of all Member States in this interactive discussion.

The Committee will also organize a Special meeting on "enhancing cooperation and technical assistance to States in the Sahel region to strengthen their capacity in the global fight against terrorism". This Special meeting is expected to take place in the last quarter of 2013.

The Committee has agreed to hold a third special event on "Enhancing the capacity of States to counter terrorism at their borders through technical assistance and the sharing of good practices". The Committee will further explore a possible link between this topic and the one selected for the Special Meeting.

Furthermore, as part of its outreach efforts, the Committee will continue to explore the possibility of collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

In December this year, the Committee will submit to the Security Council a report on the Executive Directorate's work, for consideration by the Council as part of its comprehensive review of the Executive Directorate. In accordance with Security Council resolution 1963 (2010), the Committee will submit the report to the Council prior to the expiration of the Executive Directorate's mandate on 31 December 2013.

The Committee, through CTED, has completed the replacement of the preliminary implementation assessment (PIA) by the Detailed Implementation Survey (DIS) and the Overview of Implementation Assessment (OIA). The new diagnostic tools were the object of a briefing to Member States that I had the pleasure to chair last week. They will allow for an

enhancement of the Committee' work in identifying challenges faced by Member States and facilitate the delivery of targeted technical assistance in that regard.

The Committee continues to focus on region-specific discussions and on issues identified in the 2011 Global Survey (S/2009/620, annex). The Committee also continues to organize and participate in discussions and workshops on thematic issues. Some of the major thematic issues considered by the Committee during the last six months include facilitation of technical assistance by the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED, alternative remittance systems and the Committee's cooperation and dialogue with relevant international and regional organizations and, in particular, with UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) and Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE).

CTED has also been active in conducting a number of workshops on specific topics. Important workshops organized during this period include the initial global meeting on effective international cooperation by central authorities (Cartagena, 19-21 February 2013), the fourth seminar of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on "Bringing Terrorists to Justice": "Policy Challenges in the Prosecution and Prevention of Terrorism"(Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 26-28 February 2013), the final workshop, led by CTED on behalf of the Working Group on Tackling the Financing of Terrorism of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), aimed at protecting non-profit organizations from terrorist financing abuse (5-6 March), the Conference on border-control cooperation in the Sahel and the Maghreb (Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 13 to 15 March 2013),the sixth regional workshop for police officers, prosecutors and judges in South Asia on effectively countering terrorism (Kathmandu, Nepal, 18-20 March) and, lastly, the first regional workshop for law enforcement officers and prosecutors in East Africa on effective countering terrorism and bringing terrorists to justice (Kampala, Uganda, 7 to 9 May).

Upcoming workshops that CTED is active organising or co-organising in the coming weeks include the joint Council of Europe, OSCE and CTED Workshop on Special Investigative Techniques (Strasbourg, France, 14 and 15 May), the regional workshop on the control of the cross border movement of cash and bearer negotiable instruments (Pretoria, South Africa, 27 and 28 May), the East Africa regional workshop on asset freezing requirements of resolution 1373 (Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, 4 to 6 June) and the second regional workshop on international joint investigations (Langkawi, Malaysia, also 4 to 6 June).

In addition, the Committee and CTED continue to enhance their ongoing dialogue with Member States, donors and beneficiaries on the facilitation of technical assistance for capacity-building, at the national and subregional levels. Since the last briefing to the Security Council, CTED on behalf of the Committee has conducted four assessment missions to Member States: Qatar, Morocco (follow-up) and Serbia, as well as a fact-finding mission to Angola.

I would like to emphasize that the Committee and CTED have continued, and will continue to pay close attention to the question of respect for human rights and the rule of law in the counter-terrorism measures taken by States, in accordance with the relevant mandates conferred by the Security Council.

The Committee and CTED continue to work closely with the relevant Working Groups of the CTITF, United Nations Centre for Counter-Terrorism and the Global Counter Terrorism Forum in order to support, coordinate and complement one another's counter-terrorism endeavours.

In conclusion, Mr. President, the Committee will continue to play a critical role in the global fight against terrorism, and will strive to do so in a more strategic and transparent manner so that it can more effectively contribute to the global counter-terrorism effort within the scope of its mandate.

I should like to conclude by expressing my sincere appreciation to Mr. Mike Smith, Executive Director of CTED, and to his team, for their excellent work on the Committee's behalf, and to thank the Secretariat for its continued support.

Thank you.