

Head of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism signs Contribution Agreement with the State of Qatar

Doha, 16 December 2018 – Today, Under-Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, and Major General Abdul Aziz Al Ansari, Director of International Cooperation Department and Chairman of National Anti-Terrorism Committee, Ministry of Interior of Qatar signed a Contribution Agreement whereby the State of Qatar agreed to support UNOCT's work on the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

United Nations' Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani were also present at the signing ceremony held on the sidelines of the Doha Forum in Doha, Qatar.

Qatar's financial contribution will support important initiatives of UNOCT, including the strengthening of UNOCT, implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact to enhance collaboration and coherence of counter-terrorism efforts across the UN system and major capacity-building programmes in areas such as supporting victims of terrorism, preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism and development and implementation of national PVE plans, and aviation security (Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record (API/PNR)).

The State of Qatar will contribute US\$15 million to UNOCT per year for a period of five years, amounting to a total contribution of US\$75 million.

Qatar is one of thirty Member States that have contributed financially to support the work of UNOCT on the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism was established in June 2017 to provide leadership on the implementation of General Assembly counter-terrorism mandates, to enhance coordination and coherence, and to strengthen the delivery of the United Nations counter-terrorism capacity building assistance to Member States.

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