



Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets

International Expert Group Meeting on Vulnerable Targets and UAS

6-7 October 2021



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Global partnership (CTED, UNAOC, UNICRI) in response to:

- **Security Council and Counter-Terrorism Committee**
 - Resolution 2396 (2017)
 - 2018 Addendum to the Madrid Guiding Principles
 - CTC/CTED visits
- **General Assembly**
 - 2006 Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288): *“To step up all efforts to improve the security and protection of particularly vulnerable targets, such as infrastructure and public places”*
 - 7th Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/75/291)



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- [A/RES/75/291](#) adopted by consensus 30 June → unity and reinvigorated multilateralism in the fight against terrorism
- **New language on the protection of vulnerable targets: 2 PP and 4 OPs (69, 71, 73, 74)**

Expressing concern over terrorist attacks against vulnerable targets, including critical infrastructure and public places (“soft” targets), recognizing that each Member State determines what constitutes its critical infrastructure or public places, assesses their level of vulnerability and identifies means to effectively protect them from terrorist attacks,

Stressing the need to strengthen efforts to improve the security and protection of vulnerable targets, as well as resilience to terrorist attacks, in particular in the area of civil protection, while recognizing that Member States may require assistance to this effect,



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A/RES/75/291 - OPs on vulnerable targets protection:

- 69. *Strongly condemns all terrorist acts against critical infrastructure, including critical energy facilities, and against other vulnerable targets, and urges all Member States to take all necessary measures to prevent* such attacks, as well as their possible radiological, radioactive and environmental consequences, and to counter such terrorist acts, including the prosecution of perpetrators;
- 71. *Calls upon* Member States to strengthen efforts to **improve the security and protection of particularly vulnerable targets, including religious sites, educational institutions, tourist sites, urban centres, cultural and sport events, transport hubs, rallies, processions and convoys, as well as to enhance their resilience** to terrorist attacks, in particular in the area of civil protection, and encourages Member States to consider developing or further improving their **strategies for reducing risks** to critical infrastructure from terrorist attacks, which should include, inter alia, assessing and raising awareness of the relevant risks, taking preparedness measures, including effective responses to such attacks, as well as promoting better interoperability in security and consequence management and facilitating the effective interaction of **all stakeholders** involved;



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- 73. *Further calls upon* Member States to **establish or strengthen national, regional and international partnerships with stakeholders, both public and private**, as appropriate, to share information and experience in order to **prevent, protect against, mitigate, investigate, respond to and recover** from terrorist attacks, and emphasizes the **need for States able to do so to assist in the delivery of effective and targeted capacity development, training and other necessary resources, and technical assistance**, where it is needed, to enable all States to develop appropriate capacity to implement contingency and response plans with regard to attacks on critical infrastructure and public places (“soft” targets), **and calls upon Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities to continue providing capacity-building support to requesting Member States for the resilience of vulnerable targets;**
- 74. *Encourages* the **Office of Counter-Terrorism and the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities** to work closely with Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to **identify and share best practices** to prevent terrorist attacks on particularly vulnerable targets, including critical infrastructure and public places (“soft” targets), and recognizes the importance of developing public-private partnerships in this area



APPROACH

- **All-of-UN approach:** partnership with Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities (CTED, UNICRI, UNAOC – and in consultation with INTERPOL)
- **Practical support and knowledge products:** Good practices and guidance
- **Comprehensive and collaborative approaches**
- **Tools and skills:** training courses
- **Sustainability:** mentoring

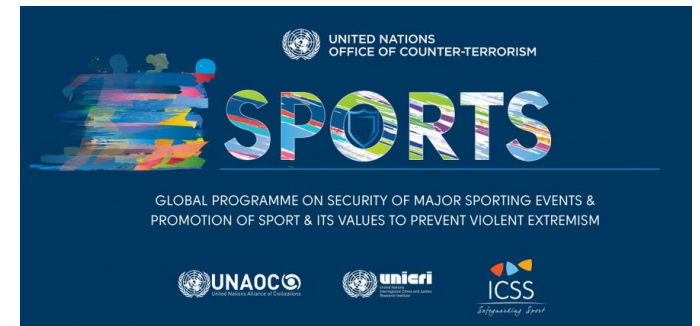


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THEMATIC AREAS

- **Urban centres**
- **Touristic venues**
- **Major sporting events** - *in the framework of the*
- **Religious sites**
- **Countering the threat posed by UAS**

(Target: Member States increase practical and operational capacities to prevent and counter UAS-related threats)



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ACTIVITIES

1. Addenda to the Compendium of Good Practices on the protection of Critical Infrastructures

- Modular approach (per thematic area: religious sites, urban centres/touristic venues, and UAS)
- Operational guidance for Member States authorities and private sector
- Series of thematic Expert Group Meetings (upcoming: 15-16 June, urban centres and touristic venues; and on UAS on 6-7 October 2021)

2. Consultations and development of National Action Plans/ “Roadmaps”

- Scoping mission to assess existing legal, policy and operational framework and mechanisms, and gaps
- Preparation of a recommended National Action Plan/ “roadmap”
- Adoption and implementation by the beneficiary Member State

3. Enhancing the operational capacities of Member States

- Delivery of operational training courses (crisis management, information sharing, risk assessment, investigations)
- Mentoring services to support the implementation



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STATE OF PLAY and NEXT STEPS

19 January 2021:

- Launch Event of the Global Programme
- High-level Panel on the Protection of Religious Sites

15-16 June 2021:

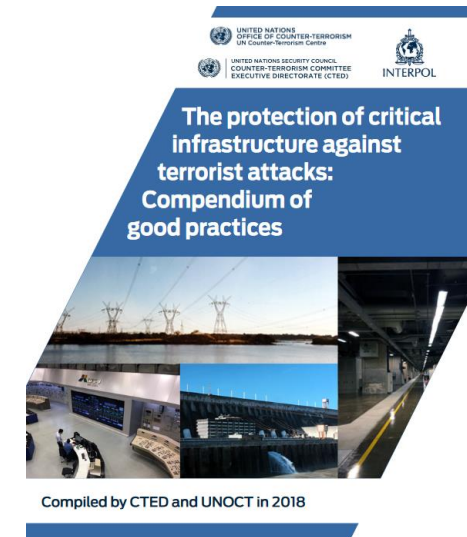
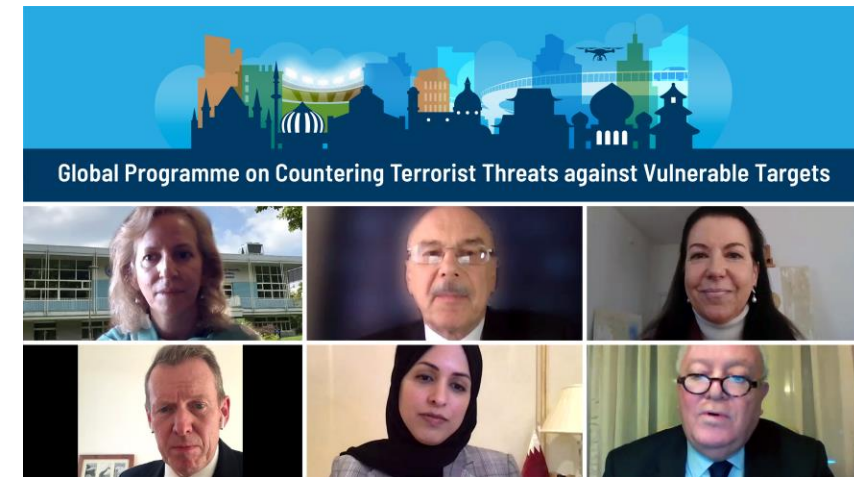
- Expert Group Meeting on Urban Centres and Touristic Venues

6-7 October 2021:

- Expert Group Meeting on Countering the threat posed by UAS

4th Quarter 2021:

- Modular Addenda to the Compendium of Good Practices
- Scoping missions and National Action Plans (Tunisia, Togo, Tajikistan)
- First training courses



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