

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

**Meeting of the Security Council on the
sixteenth report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by Da'esh to international peace and security
and the range of United Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat**

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Madam President, Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

Second, as noted by Under Secretary-General Voronkov in his remarks, Da'esh, years after suffering its losses, has sustained its ability to carry out operations across diverse regions and expand its base of affiliated entities, notably in parts of Central, Southern and Western Africa. The visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee to Nigeria in October 2022 confirmed this assessment.

Third, generating revenue and fundraising have become critical for Da'esh, through a wide range of ways, including extortion, looting, smuggling, taxation, soliciting donations and kidnapping

Finally, Da'esh's access to conventional and improvised weapons, including components of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and in 2012, 72 reW*nBTF1 18ff1 0 0 1 24.1 64.2

alleged links to Da'esh, in camps and prisons of north-eastern Syria are being repatriated to their countries of origin.

These conditions provide Da'esh with ongoing opportunities to recruit from camps and prisons and facilitate radicalization to violence and the spread of terrorism.

Madam President,

CTED continues to implement its mandate in line with Council resolution 2617 (2021) to counter the complex threat of Da'esh and its affiliates.

Through country assessments and the analysis of emerging trends, issues and developments, CTED facilitates Member States' understanding of the evolving threat and their implementation of the provisions of relevant Council resolutions.

Based on the Counter-Terrorism Committee's recommendations, CTED closely coordinates with UNOCT and other Compact partners to support capacity-building activities, in a range of thematic areas, such as the continued support to Lake Chad Basin countries to strengthen cross-border cooperation and develop comprehensive approaches to screening, prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED have also ramped up efforts to address terrorists' use of new and emerging technologies. The Delhi Declaration, adopted by the Committee last October, called for efforts to develop recommendations and non-binding guiding principles to assist Member States in implementing relevant Council resolutions on countering terrorism and, specifically, terrorist use of new and emerging technologies. CTED will provide its fullest support to the Committee in this regard.

To develop and implement effective counter-terrorism strategies and measures, it is vital that we apply a forward-looking, holistic, a