

**Meeting of the Security Council on the
Seventeenth report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by
Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering the
threat**

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Statement of Ms. Natalia Gherman, Executive Director, CTED

In my briefing, I will highlight four key

We must acknowledge the complex challenges Member States face in addressing the dire situation in the camps in north-east of the Syrian Arab Republic, especially with regards to women and children associated with foreign terrorist fighters.

At the same time, we must also recall the responsibility of Member States to bring terrorists to justice, and to demonstrate international cooperation in efforts to do so. This also requires whole-of-~~10~~**f**

It is therefore essential for the United Nations to provide tailored and comprehensive support to African Member States to boost their capacity in addressing underlying conditions conducive to terrorism, and strengthening criminal justice responses to terrorism, border management responses, and efforts to counter the financing of terrorism.

In this reporting period, United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities strengthened their partnerships with some African countries to respond to evolving threats, particularly in and around East Africa and West Africa, especially in the Sahel.

efforts focused on countering the illicit trade of small arms and light weapons, responding to the nexus between organized crime and terrorism, preventing terrorist travel, protecting vulnerable targets, and mainstreaming gender and human rights-based responses to terrorism.

This year, CTED, acting on behalf of the Counter Terrorism Committee, completed its first comprehensive assessment visits to Benin in March and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in July. The visits focused on issues such as the terrorism threat, countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism, criminal justice responses,

**To successfully
terrorist groups, we need to learn from past experience, while we are
identifying and addressing new and emerging threats.**

**In this regard, the Counter Terrorism Committee and CTED
continue to work with our partners to explore how new technological
tools and applications, such as generative AI, machine-learning
systems, and other emerging cyber-based platforms, can be used to
identify threats a -terrorism capabilities.**

Madam President,

**implementation of its mandate, under the policy guidance of the
Counter-
efforts to countering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.**

Thank you, Madam President.