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Joining Forces to Counter Terrorism Financing in the Context of Evolving Threats and Emerging Technologies

Concept Note and Agenda

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i. Background

1. Latest reports of the United Nations and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), as well as many research studies, highlight a marked increase in the mixed use of diverse methods of terrorism financing and the integration of digital technologies with conventional techniques, adding new layers of complexity to TF activities. Reported trends include increased use of digital platforms, including social media, content hosting and direct messaging services, e-commerce, crowdfunding, and mobile communication applications. Virtual assets exchanges, stablecoins, gaming platforms, e-wallets, prepaid cell cards and mobile payments have been used to raise and transfer or store terrorist funds. Emerging technologies are also widely used by terrorists to communicate and provide instructions for funds transfers, alongside with spreading their propaganda, and seeking to evade tech platforms' safety measures. Many of these digital technologies are used in various combinations depending on circumstances and targeted goals and are mutually supportive or complementary. The types of abuses vary considerably depending on regional and economic context, but globally, the expansion in terrorist use of digital platforms is a growing concern.
2. Overall, the technologies reflect more widespread uses amongst the general population, and are rarely the most complex innovations. Such misuse is expected to become more

and more pervasive as these technologies become accessible and mainstream for the general public use. While several tech platforms have identified numerous solutions to addressing terrorist and violent extremist content online, the evolving landscape of terrorist financing on digital platforms warrants further exploration and collaboration amongst sectors.

3. Recognizing that CFT requires significant political mobilization from all jurisdictions, France hosted the fifth No Money for Terror Ministerial conference in May 2026. Bringing together over 70 ministerial-level delegations, the conference marked an opportunity to take stock of progress made since the launch of the No Money for Terror process in 2018, and to reaffirm international commitment to countering terrorism financing. Participants reflected on achievements over recent years, including in the context of the implementation of Security Council resolution [2462 \(2019\)](#). The discussions built upon the detailed findings of the [Comprehensive Update on Terrorism Financing Risks](#), the landmark report of the FATF prepared under the leadership of experts from CTED and the French Treasury. The Conference concluded with the adoption of a [joint statement](#) reaffirming the international community's commitment to strengthening collective efforts against terrorism financing.
4. The UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee recently adopted the “[Non-binding guiding principles on preventing, detecting and disrupting the use of new and emerging financial technologies for terrorist purposes](#)”. These Guiding Principles, prepared with the support of CTED in accordance with the [Delhi Declaration](#) on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes adopted during the Committee's [Special Meeting](#) held in India in 2022 under the Indian Chairmanship.
5. Launched in 2020, the Global Coordinated Programme on Detecting, Preventing and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT Programme) is implemented by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) under the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). The Programme aims to strengthen the capacities of Member States and other relevant stakeholders to detect, prevent, and counter the financing of terrorism, in accordance with relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, other international legal obligations, and the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force. Drawing on assessments conducted by CTED and FATF, the CFT Programme prioritizes support to requesting States identified as being in urgent need of capacity-building due to strategic deficiencies and/or implementation gaps in their legal and operational counter-terrorist financing frameworks.
6. The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT) is a unique tech-led nonprofit organization designed to prevent terrorists and violent extremists from exploiting digital platforms. GIFCT brings together tech companies and works closely with governments, civil society, practitioners, and academia to advance collective counterterrorism efforts. Since

2017, GIFCT's membership has expanded to include 40 diverse platforms committed to cross-industry efforts to counter the spread of terrorist and violent extremist content and activity online. In 2026, GIFCT is convening a multistakeholder Working Group bringing together tech companies, international experts, practitioners, and human rights specialists to identify emerging threats and risk areas in terrorist financial activity online. The Working Group will analyze the various financial touchpoints across different platforms and payment types, such as marketplace cryptocurrency pathways, funding campaigns and traditional financial information shared on messaging platforms. Additionally, it will explore areas of potential convergence between terrorist groups and criminal organizations, and their implications for managing online risks and threats, and may also consider the implications for the implementation of targeted financial sanctions related to counterterrorism. The Group will aim to map the threat and highlight lessons learned and good practices from across various sectors.

7. To build upon this important work and ensure coherent support to Member States in their efforts to address evolving TF threats and implement relevant international standards and guidelines in full compliance with their obligations under international law, Permanent Missions of France and India to the United Nations, CTED, UNOCT, and GIFCT are co-organizing a side-event in the margins of the High-Level Counter-Terrorism week, with the participation and support of other key partners.

ii. Objectives of the event

8. The proposed event fully aligns with the overarching theme of the 4th HLC and Counter-Terrorism Week "A Future Free from Terrorism: Consolidating the Global Commitment to Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to Counter Terrorism through Member States' Leadership and Action." It will highlight the new and emerging risks and trends in terrorism financing, including those often overlooked in national risk assessments, and draw attention to the priority gaps and challenges requiring support from relevant international and regional organizations.
9. The discussions will promote a risk-based approach to CFT which lies at the core of Security Council resolution 2462 (2019), the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the Counter-Terrorism Committee's Delhi Declaration and the Non-Binding Guiding Principles, and FATF Recommendations, and underscore the need for proportionate CFT measures to address the identified risks and challenges while ensuring the appropriate balance between innovation, financial inclusion and security. It will also facilitate the sharing of good practices and lessons learned with regards to the development and implementation of legal, regulatory and supervisory frameworks, inter-agency and multi-stakeholder cooperation and partnerships, and contribute to strengthening international cooperation in this area. Participants will reflect on persisting challenges, including with respect to cross-border access to digital evidence, financial intelligence and information sharing in

the context of platforms and service providers operating in multiple jurisdictions and use of encrypted communication systems, gaps in regulation and supervision of crowdfunding and other online fundraising tools, conducting financial investigations within digital ecosystems, as well as the need to continuously update common understanding of risks and emerging typologies. The event will bring together relevant senior officials and counter-financing of terrorism experts from Members States, United Nations entities, international, subregional and regional organizations, and CFT experts from academia and civil society as well as the private sector.

Draft Agenda

13:15 - 13:40 High-level opening remarks

- H.E. Ambassador Olivier Caron, Special Envoy for Counter-Terrorism and Organized Crime, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs
- H.E. Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations
- Assistant Secretary-General Natalia Gherman, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)
- Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director of the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT / UNCCT)
- Ms. Naureen Chowdhury Fink, Executive Director of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT)

13:40 - 13:45 Keynote remarks

- Ms. Elisa de Anda Madrazo, President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

13:45 - 14:40 Panel discussion

- Ms. Pauline Ennouchy, Head of Sanctions Section, French Treasury
- Dr. Shri Smarak Swain, Director, Department of Revenue, Government of India - Ministry of Finance; Co-Chair of FATF Working Group on Risks, Trends and Methods
- Mr. Bartjan Wegter, Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, European Union

- Ms. Carmen Munoz, Director of Counter-Terrorism, International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)
- Mr. Guillermo Moncayo, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Mr. Alejandro Matta Maya, Policy Coordination Officer, Office of the Chief, Terrorism Prevention Branch, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Dr. Nagham El Karhili, Membership & Programs Senior Lead, GIFCT
- Ms. Emma O'Leary, Head of Humanitarian Policy Unit, Norwegian Refugee Council's (NRC)
- Ms. Jeannine Ella A. Abatan, Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies (ISS), Dakar

14:40-14:45 Short interventions from the floor and closing

- Ms. France Lemeunier, Programme Management Officer

Event moderated by Ms. Svetlana Martynova, Senior Legal Officer and Coordinator on Countering the Financing of Terrorism, CTED