

The UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and its cooperation with ICAO on travel document security



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I. CTED - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

- Adopted 28 September 2001 under Chapter VII so it is binding on all Member States
- Condemned 11 September attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania
- Framed broad anti-terrorism mandate for the international community
- Set up Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) to monitor progress and help nations meet their obligations under the resolution

Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

- **Obligations of States include:**
 - **criminalizing the financing of terrorism**
 - **freezing without delay any funds related to persons who commit acts of terrorism**
 - **denying all forms of financial support for terrorist groups**
 - **suppressing the provision of safe haven, sustenance or support for terrorists**
 - **sharing information with other governments on any groups practicing or planning terrorist acts**

Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

- Obligations of States include:
 - cooperating with other governments in the investigation, detection, arrest, extradition and prosecution of those involved in such acts
 - *preventing the movement of terrorists or terrorist groups by effective border controls and controls on issuance of identity papers and travel documents, and through measures for preventing counterfeiting, forgery or fraudulent use of identity papers and travel documents*

Role of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and CTED

- Comprises all 15 Security Council members
- Tasked with monitoring implementation of resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005)
- Is NOT a sanctions committee
- Made fully operational in July 2005.

CTED's Primary mandate

- To monitor the implementation by Member States of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005)
- To identify shortfalls in implementation
 - Detailed country assessment
 - Country visits
- To facilitate the provision of technical assistance

II. CTED-ICAO COOPERATION

Rationale for CTED's support of TRIP

- Vulnerabilities in the travel identification systems and travel document security and the security of the issuance process allows for the mobility of terrorists and other criminals.
- We believe TRIP offers the best solution towards enhancing border security and improving efforts to combat terrorism and transnational crime by making it more harder to obtain and travel internationally using passports/visas with forged or fraudulent ID documents.



CTED's Role in supporting the ICAO TRIP Strategy

- Providing political support for ICAO's TRIP Strategy
- Encouraging States to follow the TRIP Strategy
- Coordination with ICAO for the development of closer working partnerships with other agencies and donor programmes
- Collaboration and information sharing with ICAO for gap and Countries' needs analysis

CTED's Role in supporting the ICAO TRIP Strategy

- Intensifying capacity building, project development and implementation based on gap and needs analysis
- Providing support to ICAO in developing and launching specific regional initiatives e.g. seminars, workshops and training

Latest manifestation of cooperation



High Level briefing of the CTC on 25 April 2014

Follow-up to High Level Briefing

CTED to:

- 1) prepare a paper to be distributed to all Member States highlighting the salient points and relevant developments pertaining to the importance of ensuring travel document security and the gravity of the challenges we face
- 2) revisit this topic for the consumption of all Member States next year (whether through a similar briefing, a report, or other communication), with the input of INTERPOL and ICAO

Follow-up to High Level Briefing

- 3) continue to encourage Member States to enhance compliance with the relevant international standards and recommended practices relating to travel-document security (as set forth in ICAO Annex 9 and associated specifications and guidance material relating to identity management), as well as to continue to ensure the integrity of the travel-document process.
- 4) work with donor States and assistance providers to promote their continued cooperation with CTED, INTERPOL, ICAO and UNODC on the delivery of technical assistance.

Thank you.



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