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“Regional Conference for Parliamentarians of MENA and Gulf Countries on the Challenges Posed by Extremism Leading to Terrorism and Preventative Criminal Justice Responses”

31 January-2 February 2016
Aswan, Egypt

DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1 – 31 January 2017		
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome	Registration of participants
09:00 – 09:30	Opening	Opening speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker of Egyptian Parliament • Secretary General of IPU • Representative of UNODC • Japan Government Representative
09:30 – 10:00	Group Photo & Break	
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction	Preliminary remarks: Terrorism Prevention Branch, UNODC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting objectives and methodology • Tour de table for the introduction of participants
10:30 – 11:15	Session 1	The current international legal framework and approaches related to preventing and countering extremism leading to terrorism Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TPB/UNODC The UNSC Presidential Statement of 11 May 2016 on countering the narratives and ideologies of terrorism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoFA, Egypt

11:15 – 12:00	Session 2	<p>The threat related to extremism and radicalization: overview and main legal and operational challenges</p> <p>This session will shed light on the factors leading radicalized individuals to conduct terrorist acts. It will also aim at showing the legal challenges that are facing State in their efforts to counter Extremism leading to terrorism and the operational obstacles.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Sahar Nasr (Mrs.), Minister of International Cooperation, Egypt • Thomas K. Samuel, Director of the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT)
12:00 – 13:00	Session 3	<p>Addressing countering extremism: Enforcing human rights as a means to prevent and counter extremism leading to terrorism.</p> <p>This session will shed light on the complementarity between peace, security and respect for human rights in response to terrorism, including as per the UN Security Council [UNSCRES 1904 (2009) and 1624 (2005)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNODC • MoFA, Egypt
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:30	Session 4	<p>Parliamentarian perspectives on developing effective national policy on preventing and countering extremism: Developing effective national legal frameworks against radicalization and extremism, including appropriate criminal justice approaches.</p> <p>This session aims at presenting the parliamentarian perspective on Extremism leading to terrorism and the efforts made by National Parliaments to address Extremism leading to terrorism via national legislations and the adoption of new adequate strategies to limit the effects of this phenomenon</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of IPU • Representative of Egypt
15:30 – 16:00	Break	

16:00 – 17:00	Session 5	<p>The role of the associations of victims of terrorism in countering the narrative and the propaganda campaigns used by the terrorist groups in recruitment.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Souad Begdouri, Head of the Moroccan association of victims of terrorism.
DAY 2 – 1 February 2017		
9:00 – 9:30	Session 6	<p>National perspectives on development in legislation organising adjudication of cases related to extremism</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egypt Lebanon
9:30 – 11:00	Session 7	<p>Challenges and lessons learned in developing and implementing strategies and measures for countering crimes related to terrorism and extremism, and for the de-radicalization, rehabilitation and reintegration of radicalized individuals</p> <p>This session will try to put in discussion the following needs to a better response on the national level in relation to crimes-related to terrorism and extremism as well as to the de-radicalization, rehabilitation and reintegration of radicalized individuals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Developing an effective policy-making on returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters: Rehabilitation, Reintegration or repression or both? 2- What are the key components of effective national frameworks for countering extremism, including related crimes (e.g. incitement, recruitment and training) – are these common to all countries, and what are the challenges and possible approaches to implementing these at a national level? 3- Adoption of tailored approaches to countering recruitment of extremists: Development of non-violent alternative avenues for conflict prevention and resolution <p>Speakers:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lebanon • Iraq • Hedayah <p>Moderator: UNODC</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 13:00	Session 8	<p>Challenges in preventing and countering the misuse of the social media platforms and related technology in promoting extremism and terrorism narratives</p> <p>This session will present good practices to respond to the misuse of social media platforms and other tools to promote extremist propaganda and terrorism. It will discuss the key components of effective measures to suppress the use of Internet for terrorist purpose in addition to the role that Internet plays as an effective response to counter extremism leading to terrorism threat.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morocco • Tunisia • Expert (Facebook or Twitter) <p>Moderator: UNODC</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 16:00	Session 9	<p>The role of parliamentarians in countering the misuse of religious to incite hatred and extremism.</p> <p>The role of Al-Azhar in the renewal of religious discourse.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algeria: • Egypt: The Azhar and the Parliament <p>Moderator: UNODC</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Break	
16:30 – 17:30	Session 10	<p>Importance of communities and civil society in creating effective countering extremism strategies: Good practice and principles.</p> <p>This session will present the role of local communities and civil</p>

		<p>society actors as well as the efforts that could be done to enhance their role in supporting the efforts of policy and decision makers as well as the capacity building of NGOs and practitioners on the ground.</p> <p>Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Souad Begdouri, Moroccan Association of Victims of Terrorism Hedayah <p>Moderator: Expert</p>
18:30 (tbc)	Departure from the hotel to the restaurant	
19:30 (tbc)	Official Dinner (place to be determined)	

DAY 3 – 2 February 2017		
09:00 – 11:00	Session 11	<p>Radicalization to violence in prisons:</p> <p>This session will address the challenges facing national prisons when dealing with Extremist Prisoners. In addition, Justice Section at UNODC will present a handbook on the topic, in addition to sharing different national experiences, good practices and challenges.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNODC (Justice Section) Mohamed Ajouaou, Prison expert, The Netherlands Jordan <p>Moderator: Expert</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:30	Session 12	<p>Countering and preventing forced recruitment of children and women by extremist groups, including terrorist groups.</p> <p>This session aims at shedding light on the importance phenomenon of recruitment of children and women by extremist groups and the best practices to have fair trials and efficient responses to women recruitment and involvement in acts of terrorism the region. It will also aim at highlighting the importance of the treatment of children involved with extremist groups, including terrorist groups, by the criminal justice system.</p>

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12:30 – 13:30	<i>Conclusion</i>	<p>Taking stock on issues identified during the conference and initial inventory of good practices highlighted</p> <p>Discussing the Way Forward</p> <p>Concluding Remarks</p>
13:30 – 16:00	Lunch	