IPU-UN Regional Conference for the Middle East and North Africa

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS IN ADDRESSING THE THREAT OF FOREIGN TERRORIST FIGHTERS AND ASSOCIATED CHALLENGES

Luxor, Egypt, 26-28 February 2019

ARRIVAL: Monday, 25 February

Arrival of participants in Luxor

18:00 Registration at the Steigenberger Nile Palace

Dinner hosted by the Egyptian House of Representatives in the Steigenberger Nile Palace

20:00 – 22:00 Welcome remarks by Mr. Ali Abdel Aal Sayed Ahmed, Speaker of the Egyptian House of Representatives

DAY I: Tuesday, 26 February, Steigenberger Nile Palace

10:00- 12:00 Opening Session

- Mr. Ali Abel Aal Sayed Ahmed, Speaker of the Egyptian House of Representatives
- Ms. Amal Abdulla Al Qubaisi, Speaker of the Federal National Council of the United Arab Emirates and Chairperson of the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism
- Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General
- Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director, Special Advisor to the Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, UNOCT
- Ms. Cristina Albertin, UNODC Regional Representative for the Middle East and North Africa, presenting the work of the UNODC
- Mr. Antonio Pedro Roque da Visitação Oliveira, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean
- Mr. Saad Sleim Elgammal, Deputy President of the Arab Parliament, on behalf of the President of the Arab Parliament
- Mr. Mohamed El Amin Wid Akik, Assistant-Secretary for Legal Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary General of the Arab League

12:00- 12:30 Group photo and coffee break
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<td>12:30 – 13:45</td>
<td>First session: The state of terrorism and foreign terrorist fighters (FTF)</td>
<td><strong>Moderator:</strong> Mr. Saber Chowdhury, Honorary IPU President and Member of the Parliament of Bangladesh</td>
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|              |                                                                         | **Speakers:** Mr. Ahmed Elbuckley, Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (Da’esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, United Nations  
|              |                                                                         | Ms. Guadalupe Megre, Officer-in-Charge, Section for the Middle East, North Africa, the Gulf and Latin America and the Caribbean, UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch |
| 13:45 – 16:00 | Lunch hosted by the Egyptian House of Representatives at the Mövenpick Hotel |                                                                                     |
| 16:00- 18:00 | Second Session: Legal and Gaps Analysis Scope of Terrorist Offences, Criminalization of acts aimed at stemming the flow of FTF | **Moderator:** Mr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Senior Advisor to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Egypt  
|              |                                                                         | **Speaker:** Mr. Julien Savoye, Legal Officer, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, United Nations  
|              |                                                                         | Professor Mohamed Badar, Dip. International Relations, LLM, PhD, FHEA Chair in Comparative and International Criminal Law and Islamic Law; Senior Expert of Euromed Justice IV  
|              |                                                                         | Ms. Miriam Shafik, Program Manager, International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law |
| 20:00– 22:00 | Dinner hosted by the UNODC, Steigenberger Hotel                         |                                                                                     |

**DAY II: Wednesday, 27 February**

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| 09:00- 10:30 | Third session: The preventive role of parliamentarians and parliaments in addressing terrorism and extremism | **Moderator:** Mr. Amjed Bashir, Member of the European Parliament  
|              |                                                                         | **Speakers:** Mr. Mokhtar Omar, Senior Advisor to the IPU Secretary General  
|              |                                                                         | Mr. Mosleh At’tarawneh, MP from Jordan  
|              |                                                                         | Mr. Anti Avsan, Judge and Former MP at the Swedish Riksdag |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee break                                                           |                                                                                     |
11:00 – 13:00  **Fourth session: Preventing and countering incitement and recruitment to commit terrorist acts, radicalization and recruitment in prisons**

**Moderator:** Mr. Mokhtar Omar, Senior Advisor to the IPU Secretary General

**Speakers:**
Mr. Osama El Azhary, Scholar, Professor of Theology and MP from the House of Representatives of Egypt

Mr. Mahasen Al Shara'ah, MP from Jordan

Ali Younes, Terrorism Prevention Regional Advisor, UNODC, ROMENA

13:00-15:00  Lunch hosted by the UNODC, Steigenberger Hotel

15:00- 16:30  **Fifth session: The detection and intervention of FTF Travel, using API/PNR and enhanced information exchange. The United Nations Travel Programme**

**Moderator:** Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director, Special Advisor to Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office on Counter-Terrorism

**Speakers:**
Mr. Jelle Postma, Senior Programme Manager, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (through VTC)

Ms. Fernanda Lombardi, Programme Officer, UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch

Mr. Mohamed El-Gindy, IT Expert, Open Source Intelligence

16:30 – 17:00  Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30  **Sixth session: Protecting critical infrastructure, vulnerable targets, “soft” targets, and tourism site**

**Moderator:** Mr. Seddik Chiheb, MP from Algeria

**Speaker:**
Mr. Amr Sedky, Chair of the Tourism Committee of the Egyptian House of Representatives

Mr. Julien Savoye, Legal Officer, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate

20:00– 22:00  Dinner hosted by UNODC at the Steigenberger Hotel

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**DAY III: Thursday, 28 February**
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| 09:00-11:00 | Seventh session: Presentation of the Joint IPU-UNODC-UNOCT Programme on counting terrorism and violent extremism | Mr. Mokhtar Omar, Senior Advisor to the IPU Secretary General  
Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director, Special Advisor to Under-Secretary-General on Counter-Terrorism  
Ms. Olga Lanchenko, Programme Officer, UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee break                                                        |                                                                                                |
| 11:30 - 13:00 | Conclusions and recommendations                                      | Mr. Mokhtar Omar, Senior Advisor to the IPU Secretary General  
Ms. Cristina Albertin, UNODC Regional Representative for the Middle East and North Africa  
Mr. Mauro Miedico, Director, Special Advisor to Under-Secretary-General on Counter-Terrorism |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch hosted by the UNODC, Steigenberger Hotel                        |                                                                                                |
| 14:00 – 19:00 | Cultural Programme hosted by the House of Representatives of Egypt    |                                                                                                |
| 20:30 – 22:00 | Dinner hosted by the UNODC, Steigenberger Hotel                       |                                                                                                |
|            | **DEPARTURE: Friday, 1 March**                                       |                                                                                                |
|            | Departure of the participants                                         |                                                                                                |