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The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Strengthening the capability of the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

*The General Assembly*,

*Reaffirming* the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* its resolutions [60/288](http://undocs.org/A/RES/60/288) of 8 September 2006, [62/272](http://undocs.org/A/RES/62/272) of 5 September 2008, [64/297](http://undocs.org/A/RES/64/297) of 8 September 2010, [66/282](http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/282) of 29 June 2012 and [68/276](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/276) of 13 June 2014,

*Recalling also* its resolution [66/10](http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/10) of 18 November 2011,

*Recalling further* its resolution [70/254](http://undocs.org/A/RES/70/254) of 12 February 2016,

*Recalling* its resolution [70/291](http://undocs.org/A/RES/70/291) of 1 July 2016, and in particular paragraph 70 thereof,

*Recognizing* the importance of countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, and in this regard stressing the importance of an integrated and balanced implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy[[1]](#footnote-1) across its four pillars, reaffirming the principal responsibility of Member States for implementing the Strategy,

*Recognizing also* that due priority shall be given to counter-terrorism across the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* that terrorism and violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group,

1. *Welcomes* the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the capability of the United Nations system to assist Member States in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,[[2]](#footnote-2) and decides to establish the Office of Counter-Terrorism, in accordance with the competencies and functions set out in the report;

2. *Also welcomes* the initiative of the Secretary-General to transfer the current Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, together with their existing staff, as well as all associated regular and extrabudgetary resources, out of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat, into the Office of Counter-Terrorism;

3. *Recognizes* the important work carried out by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, and emphasizes that the existing contribution agreements and the functions, chairmanship and composition of the Centre’s Advisory Board shall be maintained and that the budget and financial resources of the Counter-Terrorism Centre shall be used only for its programme of work;

4. *Emphasizes* the need to ensure that the Office of Counter-Terrorism, to be headed by an Under-Secretary-General, is provided with adequate capacity and other resources for the implementation of its mandated activities.

1. Resolution [60/288](http://undocs.org/A/RES/60/288). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [A/71/858](http://undocs.org/A/71/858). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)