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## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Madam President,

Mr. Secretary General,

Distinguished Colleagues,

I am honoured to **report on behalf of our Ad Hoc Committee** on Countering Terrorism (CCT), which I chair since February 2020.

I want to begin by **thanking our members** for their active involvement and the value continuously added by their work. I would also like to thank **our President** for her political leadership, and **our Secretary General** for his dedicated support.

The **war of aggression waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine** has brought new terrorism-related risks to the OSCE area.

Just like in other armed conflicts, the terrorist threat is likely to increase proportionally to the intensity of the fighting in Ukraine, as violent conflicts are a primary driver of terrorism. Terrorist attacks in countries involved in armed conflict are, as a matter of fact, seven times deadlier than attacks in peaceful countries!<sup>1</sup>

In addition, terrorists increasingly engage in criminal businesses like smuggling, kidnapping and cyber-crimes to finance their operations. Especially cyber-crimes have seen a dramatic increase in Ukraine in the months leading up to the Russian Federation's attack.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Institute for Economics and Peace: "Global Terrorism Index 2023 Report", March 2023, <https://www.visionofhumanity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/GTI-2023-web-190523.pdf> , accessed 26 May 2023

<sup>2</sup> Institute for Economics and Peace, "Ukraine Russia Crisis: Terrorism Briefing", <https://www.visionofhumanity.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Ukraine-Russia-Crisis-Terrorism-Briefing-1.pdf> , March 2022. Accessed 18 January 2023.

But the war in Ukraine brought to our radar further “complexities”, for example in the context of the **interaction of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Counter-Terrorism (CT) Legislation**.

With the emergence of “**hybrid groups**”, which are both designated terrorist organizations and non-state armed groups engaging in belligerent activities, the relationship between IHL and CT legislation becomes rather blurred.

To not undermine the objectives of either legal regime, it is crucial to understand how the two are actually complementary in countering terrorism. **Terrorist acts are always forbidden, in peacetime just like during armed conflict!**

In fact, **all acts or threats of violence against civilians with the primary purpose of spreading terror among the civilian population are strictly prohibited by IHL**. As such, they shall be **punished as war crimes** whenever committed by a belligerent group in pursuance of its military objectives.

Essentially, **a pragmatic approach is needed to ensure accountability of ALL terrorist acts**, wherever and by whomever they are committed, including those perpetrated by supposedly private military groups or other “hybrid groups”, for instance the **Russian Wagner Group**.

Wagner **has quickly emerged as a major terror actor during conflict-caused instability, undermining state authorities across the globe for political and financial gain**, including in Mali, Sudan, the Central African Republic, Libya, Syria, Mozambique, Venezuela and Ukraine.

The increasingly prominent **on-line nature** of the terrorist propaganda, radicalization, recruitment and financing further complicates the tracing of sources and prosecution of perpetrators. Ultimately, new and widely accessible

technologies have empowered many individuals to do more harm than ever before in human history.

**Drones, 3D printing, AI, robotics, cyber weapons and social media**, their pervasive reach and almost universal accessibility, even to children, are posing growing risks to our societies. Vulnerable audiences are at particular risk of becoming targets of propaganda and conspiracy theories on social media, where it is documented that **lies spread 6 times faster than the truth!**<sup>3</sup>

Overall, in the past year terrorist attacks have become more deadly with the lethality rising by 26%.<sup>4</sup> **The Sahel region is now the world's "epicentre" of terrorism**<sup>5</sup>, comprising 43% of the global total deaths of terrorism in 2022, compared to just 1% in 2007! This dramatic increase of terrorism in the Sahel region, which is adjacent to our region, is met with **increasing far-right extremism in the West**.

Dear colleagues,

While navigating this plethora of new risks and old challenges, we remain committed to effective parliamentary counter-terrorism responses in compliance with human rights, the rule of law and relevant international law.

Earlier today we held the **15th Meeting of the CCT**, where we further explored the terrorist nature of the Wagner Group and firmly condemned its criminal activities and detrimental influence across the globe.

I want to reiterate the relevance of this topic and the importance of our action in the form of a resolution. The **resolution** calls on all participating States to

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<sup>3</sup> S. Vosoughi et al: "The spread of true and false news online", 9 March 2018, DOI: 10.1126/science.aap9559.

<sup>4</sup> Institute for Economics and Peace: "Global Terrorism Index 2023 Report".

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

designate the Wagner Group a terrorist organization and to ensure full accountability for all terrorist acts committed by the group.

I sincerely welcome ongoing efforts by several national parliaments to address this problem, and I hope that our work on the Wagner Group can provide a solid policy basis for further action by more national and international assemblies.

Ultimately, I believe that the growing influence of proxy military groups such as Wagner - who are prone to unnecessary violence for political and financial gain - will force us to revisit our traditional definition of “terrorist group”, so as to possibly include certain “hybrid groups” (i.e. groups that operate both as a non-state armed group and as a terrorist organisation).

Moreover, I am happy to report that we have also resumed our “field work” with an **official visit to Switzerland** on 21-22 March 2023.

In Geneva and Bern we engaged in enriching discussions on major trends and key challenges of counter-terrorism with selected representatives of international and national organizations. The visit proved useful also to get better acquainted with the new Swiss counter-terrorism legislation, which grants significant preventive powers to the Federal Police. I was particularly impressed by the conscientious efforts of the Swiss counter-terrorism authorities in ensuring its effective application while duly respecting human rights standards.

It is through visits such as this one that we can share important lessons learned in our countries and promote policy convergence on many key issues on our shared agenda. Hence, I want to commend our member, **Ms. Ida Glanzmann-Hunkeler**, for facilitating this very successful activity.

Finally, we **continue to work closely with other parliamentary assemblies** to facilitate inter-parliamentary dialogue and the exchange of promising practices and lessons learned on counter-terrorism.

To that effect, we look forward to chairing the **Fourth Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies** this fall in Vienna, followed by the **Second Parliamentary Policy Dialogue**.

Both events will be organised with the critical support of the **United Nations Office on Counter Terrorism**. This co-operation has enabled us to extend the reach of our actions well beyond the OSCE region, becoming a positive example for many of our peers!

Before concluding, I would like to thank the **International Secretariat** for its diligent commitment and professional support over the years, without which our parliamentary efforts would have lacked operational capacity and much needed complementarity with those of the OSCE, and of other International Organizations.

Thank you.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTERING TERRORISM

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly established the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism (CCT) in July 2017 to strengthen the contribution of OSCE parliamentarians in addressing violent extremism and radicalization.



### Composition

#### Chair

**Reinhold Lopatka** (Austria)

#### Vice-Chair

**Kamil Aydın** (Türkiye)

#### Members

**Vilija Aleknaitė-Abramikienė** (Lithuania)

**Ravshanbek Alimov** (Uzbekistan)

**Paula Cardoso** (Portugal)

**Tsogtbaatar Damdin** (Mongolia)

**Ida Glanzmann-Hunkeler** (Switzerland)

**Maria Karapetyan** (Armenia)

**Pia Kauma** (Finland)

**Sverre Myrli** (Norway)

**Marc Veasey** (United States of America)

### Parliamentarians in Counterterrorism



**Act as enablers**, shaping national policy & legislative counter-terrorism frameworks and establishing the mandate of security-related bodies.



**Serve as controllers**, ensuring that all counter-terrorism measures fully respect fundamental freedoms, including through the oversight of national counter-terrorism bodies.



**Bridge diverging views** at all levels, whereby they promote constructive exchanges between civil society and state authorities, as well as inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation.

### Goals of the Committee



- **Advocate** for inclusive, effective and human rights-compliant counter-terrorism responses.
- **Contribute** to the timely implementation of the international counter-terrorism framework.
- **Develop** forward-looking policy guidance based on identified loopholes and new approaches.

### CCT "Toolkit"

- Committee Meetings and Hearings
- Official Visits & Conferences
- Policy Resolutions
- Oversight Initiatives
- Outreach & Public Messaging
- Partnerships





## 2023 SPOTLIGHT: Presiding the UN Coordination Mechanism

The OSCE PA was nominated as the first President of the new United Nations Coordination Mechanism among Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism in June 2022. Through this platform, the CCT promotes OSCE counter-terrorism commitments across the globe, extending the reach of its actions and fostering greater coherence of parliamentary efforts.



### Areas of Focus

- o **Promote the successful prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration of FTFs** and their families, including women and children, in the OSCE Region.
- o **Strengthen border security and information sharing** through sound Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Records (PNR) and biometric data management systems, in accordance with UNSCR 2396.
- o **Foster prevention efforts** and promote sensible global parameters & guidance to counter radicalization, both offline and online.
- o **Support victims of terrorism and strengthen the role of victims' associations** through advocacy and awareness-raising.
- o **Explore the intersection of terrorism with other serious threats**, such as bio-terrorism, terrorism financing, nuclear proliferation, A.I and hybrid threats.

### Upcoming

- **15th Meeting of CCT** with a focus on the terroristic nature of the Wagner Group, 3 July 2023 (Canada)
- **Fourth Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies & Policy Dialogue**, Fall 2023 (Austria)

### Key Achievements



**Strengthened the engagement of parliamentarians, assessed new trends and shared key lessons learned** through dozens of expert meetings (20), international and regional parliamentary conferences (20) and field visits to OSCE participating States (10).

#### **Developed innovative policy guidance in topical areas of counter-terrorism:**

- 1) Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent extremism (2018 Berlin Resolution);
- 2) Addressing the Threats Stemming From the Return & Relocation of FTFs (2019 Luxembourg Resolution), and;
- 3) Victims of Terrorism (2022 Birmingham Resolution).

**Promoted the implementation of relevant international obligations**, such as on border security and information sharing stemming from UNSCR 2396 (2019), through targeted parliamentary oversight initiatives and consistent public messaging.

**Boosted international co-ordination** through a network of key partnerships, including with the OSCE, the United Nations and various regional interparliamentary assemblies. Since June 2022, the OSCE PA has been **chairing the first ever Co-ordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism** (under UN *aegis*).

**Encouraged OSCE governments to uphold inclusive and human rights-based responses** to counter terrorism & disinformation, and lend critical support to the most vulnerable and exposed groups in society, **throughout the COVID-19 emergency (2020-2022)**.



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## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTERING TERRORISM

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### COMPENDIUM OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES, REPORTS, POLICY PROPOSALS & SPECIAL INITIATIVES

*since July 2017*

#### ACTIVITIES

##### **Implemented in 2023**

- **15th CCT Meeting** - *Vancouver, Canada, 3 July 2023*
- **Coordination Meeting with the OSCE Secretariat** (Transnational Threats Department/ Action against Terrorism Unit) - *Vienna, Austria, 13 June 2023*
- **[Official CCT Visit to Switzerland](#)** - *Geneva and Bern, Switzerland, 21-22 March 2023*
- **14th CCT Meeting** - *Vienna, Austria, 23 February 2023*
- Chairing of the **[Third Counter-Terrorism Co-ordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies](#)** - *Doha, Qatar, 30 January 2023*
- Organization of the **[Parliamentary Policy Dialogue: Border Security and Cross Border Co-operation in the Context of Counter-Terrorism](#)**, together with UNOCT - *Doha, Qatar, 31 January 2023*

##### **Implemented in 2022**

- Participation in **OSCE Annual Focal Points Meeting**, organized by OSCE Department/Action against Terrorism Unit - *Vienna, 20 Dec. 2022*
- **13th CCT Meeting** - *Warsaw, Poland, 24 November 2023*
- Contribution of CCT Chair Reinhold Lopatka to the **African Parliamentary Union Annual Assembly**, organized by APU - *Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 8-10 November 2022*

- Contribution of CCT Chair Reinhold Lopatka to the **Meeting of the Twelve Plus Group<sup>6</sup> in the framework of the 145<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly**, organized by IPU - *Kigali, Rwanda, 11-15 October 2022*
- **Coordination Meeting with UNOCT USG Voronkov** - *New York, USA, 8 September 2022*
- Contribution to [Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism](#), organized by the United Nations - *New York, USA, 8-9 September 2022*
- Contribution of CCT Chair Reinhold Lopatka to **Inter-Parliamentary Committee to attend the Conference of Presidents**, organized by G5 Sahel - *N'Djamena, Chad, 21-22 Jul. 2022*
- **12th CCT Meeting**, *Birmingham, UK, 3 July 2022*
- **Coordination Meeting with the OSCE Secretariat** (Transnational Threats Department) – *Vienna, Austria, 14 Jun. 2022*
- Contribution to **Second Co-ordination Meeting among Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism Matters**, organized by UNOCT - *Naples, Italy, 10 Jun. 2022*
- Contribution to **OSCE Security Briefing for Representatives of Legislative Authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina**, organised by OSCE - *Online, 8 Jun. 2022*
- Contribution to [High-Level Conference on Parliamentary Support Victims of Terrorism](#), organized by UNOCT in co-operation with PAM, OSCE PA, and APU - *Rome, Italy, 7-8 Jun. 2022*
- [Informative Exchanges with Italian Counter-Terrorism Stakeholders](#) - *Rome, Italy, 7 Jun. 2022*
- Contribution to Side Event on **Engaging Parliamentarians with Civil Society Organizations in Enhancing Legislation and Oversight Functions on Counter-Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism**, organized by UNOCT - *Malaga, Spain, 9 May 2022*
- Contribution to **High-Level Parliamentary Conference on Understanding the Terrorist Threat in Africa: New Challenges and Necessary Measures**, organized by UNOCT - *Doha, Qatar, 31 Mar. 2022*
- Contribution to [UNOCT's Annual Forum of Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance](#) - *Doha, Qatar, 28-29 Mar. 2022*
- [11<sup>th</sup> CCT Meeting](#) on the latest security developments in Afghanistan - *Online, 17 Feb. 2022*
- Contribution to [Parliamentary Web Dialogue on The Clean Energy Revolution and its Implications for the OSCE region](#), organised by OSCE PA - *Online, 4 Feb. 2022*
- Contribution to [Launch of the Model Legislative Provisions for Victims of Terrorism](#), organized by IPU, UNOCT and UNODC - *Online, 4 Feb. 2022*
- Contribution to Webinar on **Parliamentary Responses to Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism**, organized by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - *Online, 11 Jan. 2022*

## Implemented in 2021

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<sup>6</sup> The geographical “Twelve Plus Group” of the Inter-Parliamentary Union counts [47 members](#) from Europe as well as Canada and Australia.

- Contribution to [The Role of Parliamentarians in the Implementation of National Action Plans \(NAPs\) for Addressing Terrorism and Violent Extremism Conducive to Terrorism](#), organized by UNOCT - Doha, Qatar, 14-15 Dec. 2021
- Contribution to [Co-ordination Meeting among Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism Matters](#), organized by UNOCT - Doha, Qatar, 13 Dec. 2021
- Participation in **OSCE Annual Focal Points Meeting**, organized by OSCE Department/Action against Terrorism Unit - Online, 13 Dec. 2021
- Organisation of the [Regional Policy Dialogue on FTFs with Legislators from South-Eastern Europe](#), together with the OSCE Secretariat and with the support of OSCE Field Operations in the Western Balkans – Vienna, Austria, 14-15 Oct. 2021
- **Meeting of the CCT Chair with Under-Secretary General Vladimir Voronkov**, United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT) – Vienna, Austria, 9 Sept. 2021
- **Presentation of the latest CCT efforts before the OSCE Security Committee**, Thematic Meeting on “Tangible Actions in Preventing Terrorism - Terrorist Financing, Money Laundering and Passenger Data Exchange Systems” - Vienna, Austria, 20 Jul. 2021
- Contribution to the **Inauguration Ceremony of the UNOCT Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism** – Online, 16 Jun. 2021
- [CCT Hearing on Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighters \(FTFs\) - the Kazakh Experience](#) – Online, 18 May 2021
- Organization of the [International Parliamentary Conference on “Global Challenges and Threats in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Terrorism and Violent Extremism”](#), together with IPA CIS, PAM, PACE and UNOCT) – Online, 15 Apr. 2021
- Organization of the [OSCE PA - PAM Joint Session on “Assessing the Terrorist Threat and Efforts to Prevent Violent Extremism”](#) – Online, 15 Apr. 2021
- Contribution to the UNOCT Session on to the “Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Victims of Terrorism and Addressing Their Needs” – Online, 15 Apr. 2021
- Contribution to the [2021 OSCE-wide Counter-terrorism Conference](#) on “Reinforcing a Comprehensive Approach in Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Radicalisation that Lead to Terrorism (VERLT) in a Changing Landscape” – Online, 20-21 Apr. 2021
- [10th Meeting of the CCT](#) at the OSCE PA Winter Meeting – Online, 18 Feb. 2021
- Contribution by the CCT chair to the [High-Level Panel on Regional Co-operation at the PAM-UNOCT Virtual Meeting on the Challenges of the post-territorial ISIL context](#) – Online, 15 Feb. 2021
- **Coordination Meeting with the 2021 OSCE Chairmanship** (Sweden) – Online, 26 Jan. 2021
- Contribution to the UNOCT thematic online expert consultations to develop **Model Legislative Provisions to Support and Protect the Rights and Needs of Victims of Terrorism** on “Recognition and Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism” – Online, 18 Jan. 2021
- **Coordination Meeting with the OSCE Secretariat (ATU)** – Online, 13 Jan. 2021
- **Focal Points’ Meeting with UNOCT** (as per MoU of 03.02.2020) – Online, 12 Jan. 2021

## Implemented in 2020

- **OSCE Department/Action against Terrorism Unit Annual Focal Points Meeting - Online, 15 December 2020**
- **Contribution to the UNOCT thematic online expert consultations to develop Model Legislative Provisions to Support and Protect the Rights and Needs of Victims of Terrorism on the “Role of victims' associations and non-governmental organizations” – Online, 3 Dec. 2020**
- **[9th Meeting of the CCT](#) - Online, 25 Nov. 2020**
- **Expert Consultations with UNOCT on its draft Parliamentary Manual on Facilitating the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy – Online, October 2020**
- **Expert Consultations with OSCE/Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) on its Project on Assistance to parliamentarians working on terrorism-related matters - Online, 7 Oct. 2020**
- **Meetings of the CCT Chair with the OSCE Albanian Chairmanship and the OSCE Transnational Threats Department of the OSCE Secretariat – Vienna, Austria, 15 & 24 Sept. 2020**
- **Focal Points’ Meeting with UNOCT (as per MoU of 03.02.2020) – Online, 17 Sept. 2020**
- **Contribution to the OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference on “Effective Partnerships Against Extremism and Terrorism” – Vienna, Austria, 14-15 Sept. 2020**
- **Organization of the OSCE PA-PAM-UNOCT Parliamentary Web Dialogue on “Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic” - Online, 30 Jun. 2020**
- **Contribution to ODIHR's expert consultations on “Human Rights Challenges related to Information Gathering and Sharing in Border Management in the Counter-Terrorism Context” – On-line, 15 Jun. 2020**
- **[8th Meeting of the CCT](#) – Online, 5 Jun. 2020**
- **[7th Meeting of the CCT](#) - Vienna, Austria, 21 Feb. 2020.**
- **Contribution to the [OSCE-UNOCT High-Level Regional Conference on “FTFs – Addressing Current Challenges”](#) – Vienna, Austria, 11-12 Feb. 2020.**
- **Signing of a dedicated MoU with the United Nations (i.e. UNOCT), New York, USA, 3 Feb. 2020**
- **[Official Visit to Norway](#) – Oslo, Norway, 14-15 Jan. 2020**
- **Coordination Meeting with UNOCT – Vienna, Austria, 10 Jan. 2020**

## Implemented in 2019

- **Contribution to PAM Coordination Meeting at the Italian Parliament – Rome, Italy, 29 Nov. 2019.**
- **Presentation of the OSCE PA Resolution on Challenges Related to the Return and Relocation of Foreign Terrorist Fighters and of the OSCE PA Oversight Initiative on Border Security and Information Sharing at the OSCE Security Committee – Vienna, Austria, 11 Nov. 2019**
- **Contribution at 3rd OSCE-wide Seminar on Passenger Data Exchange (organised in co-operation with UNOCT) - Vienna, 31 October 2019**



- **6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CCT** at the 2019 Autumn Meeting – *Marrakech, Morocco, 4 Oct. 2019*
- **Coordination meeting with the CCT leadership** - *Marrakech, Morocco, 3 Oct. 2019*
- **5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CCT** at the 2019 Annual Session – *Luxemburg, Luxembourg, 5 Jul. 2019*
- **CCT Briefing before the Counter Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council on parliamentarians' contribution to counter-terrorism** – *New York, USA, Jul. 2019*
- Review of national parliaments' feedback in the context of the Parliamentary Initiative on Strengthening Border Security and Information Sharing and drafting the Final Report – *Feb-Jun. 2019*
- **Thematic meeting on Terrorism of OSCE Security Committee** – *Vienna, Austria, 20 May 2019*
- **Coordination Meeting with the Slovak Chairmanship of the OSCE** – *Vienna, Austria, 16 May 2019*
- **Coordination Meeting with UNODC** - *Vienna, Austria, 15 May 2019*
- Briefing to participating States about the latest CCT efforts at the thematic meeting on terrorism of the Contact Group with the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation – *Vienna, Austria, 13 May 2019*
- **Coordination Meeting with the Chair of the OSCE Security Committee** – *Vienna, Austria, 8 May 2019*
- Contribution to the **International Parliamentary Counter-Terrorism Conference + Bilateral Programme** – *St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 18 Apr. 2019*
- Participation in the **ID@Borders & the Future of Travel Conference 2019 & "Introducing Biometrics at the Border" Training Course** - *Vienna, Austria, 11-12 Apr. 2019*
- Contribution to the **OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference on "Taking Stock of Efforts to Prevent and Counter Terrorism as well as Violent Extremism and Radicalization that lead to Terrorism in the OSCE Area" + Bilateral Programme** – *Bratislava, Slovakia, 25-26 Mar. 2019.*
- **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CCT** at the 2019 Winter Meeting - *Vienna, Austria, 20 Feb. 2019*
- **Official Visit to France** – *Paris, France, 7-8 Feb. 2019*

## **Implemented in 2018**

- **Chair's visit to UN Headquarters and US Counter-terrorism Stakeholders** - *New York and Washington DC, United States of America, 3-7 Dec. 2018*
- Contribution to a **Public Briefing before the US Helsinki Commission on "Fighting Terrorism Together: The Role of the OSCE"** – *Washington DC, United States of America, 4 Dec. 2018*
- Contribution to the Spanish Senate **"Conference on Victims of Terrorism in the Sphere of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly"** - *Madrid, Spain, 15-16 Nov. 2018*
- Presentation of the **OSCE PA Resolution on Preventing and Countering Terrorism and VERLT at the OSCE Security Committee + Bilateral Programme** – *Vienna, Austria, 12 Nov. 2018*
- Contribution to the **2nd OSCE-wide Seminar on Passenger Data Exchange and the Implementation of UNSC Resolution 2396** - *Vienna, Austria, 1-2 Nov. 2018*

- Contribution to the **Regional Conference on “Addressing Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Leads to Terrorism while Sharing Good Prison and Probation Service Management and Practices on Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programmes”** – *Tirana, Albania, 01 Nov. 2018*
- Written contribution to the **IIJ Expert Meeting on the GCTF Valletta Recommendations on the development of a Handbook on the Role of Parliamentarians in Developing an Effective Response to Terrorism** – *La Valletta, Malta, 1-2 Oct. 2018*
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CCT** at the 2018 Annual Session - *Berlin, Germany, 7 July 2018*
- **Official Visit to Bosnia & Herzegovina** – *Sarajevo/Travnik/Zenica, 5-8 June 2018*
- Contribution to the **regional Conference on Countering Violent Extremism: “The Reverse Flow of Foreign Terrorist Fighters”** – *Tirana, Albania, 26 May 2018*
- Contribution to the **OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference on the Challenges Posed by the Reverse Flows of the FTFs + Bilateral Programme** – *Rome, Italy, 10-11 May 2018*
- Contribution to the **International Parliamentary Conference on “Digital Resilience of a Democratic State”** – *Lisbon, Portugal, 8 May 2018*
- Contribution to the **OSCE Security Committee meeting on Countering Terrorism (“Border security & Information Sharing: OSCE activities to counter the threats posed by the return of foreign terrorist fighters”)** - *Vienna, Austria, 16 Apr. 2018*
- **Experts Coordination Meeting with IPA CIS** - *St. Petersburg, Russian Fed., 11 Apr. 2018*
- Contribution to the **Institute for Justice and Rule of Law (IIJ) Regional Workshop on “The Nexus of Parliamentarians and Criminal Justice Actors in Counter Terrorism”** - *Attard, Malta, 21-22 Mar. 2018*
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the CCT** at the 2018 Winter Meeting - *Vienna, Austria, 22 Feb. 2018*
- **Official Visit to Belgium** - *Brussels, Belgium, 7-9 Feb. 2018*

#### **Implemented in 2017**

- Contribution to the **Parliamentarians for Global Action Annual Forum on “Preventing Violent Extremism and Mass Atrocities”** (“Ensuring that Counter-Terrorism Policies and Regulations Respect Human Rights”) - *Milan, Italy, 27-28 Nov. 2017*
- **Official Visit to the OSCE and UNODC** - *Vienna, Austria, 12-14 Nov. 2017*
- Contribution to the **OSCE Security Committee meeting on the negotiations of a draft ministerial declaration on Terrorism and VERLT** - *Vienna, Austria, 12 Nov. 2017*
- **Official Visit to Morocco** - *Rabat, Morocco, 18-21 Oct. 2017*
- Contribution to the **Parliamentary Seminar on “The spread of violent extremism in the OSCE region and the suitable strategy to impede the attraction and recruitment of youth by terrorist organizations: Moroccan Approach”** - *Rabat, Morocco, 20 Oct. 2017*
- **1st Meeting of the CCT** at the 2017 Autumn Meeting - *Andorra, 3 Oct. 2017*
- **International Parliamentary Counter-Terrorism Conference** – *St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 28 Mar. 2017*
- Brainstorming with the International Secretariat - *Copenhagen, Denmark, 6 Sep. 2017*

#### **OFFICIAL REPORTS**

- 15<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) - *Warsaw, Poland, 25 Nov. 2022*
- 14<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Plenary) - *Birmingham, UK, 5 Jul. 2022*
- 13<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) - *Vienna, Austria, 25 Feb. 2022*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Report of the Chair of the CCT (to the Bureau) - *Online, 1 Dec. 2021*
- 11<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) – *Vienna, Austria, 3 Nov. 2021*
- 10<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Plenary) – *Vienna, Austria, 6 July 2021*
- 9<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) – *Vienna, Austria, 24 Feb. 2021*
- 8<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Bureau) – *Online, 27 Apr. 2020*
- 7<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) – *Vienna, Austria, 20 Feb. 2020*
- 6<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) – *Marrakech, Morocco, 4 Oct. 2019*
- 5<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Plenary) – *Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 8 Jul. 2019*
- 4<sup>th</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Plenary) – *Vienna, Austria, 22 Feb. 2019*
- 3<sup>st</sup> Report of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) - *Bishkek, Kirghizstan, 5 Oct. 2018*
- 2<sup>st</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Standing Committee) - *Berlin, Germany, 7 Jul. 2018*
- 1<sup>st</sup> [Report](#) of the Chair of the CCT (to the Plenary) - *Vienna, Austria, 23 Feb. 2018*

## **POLICY PROPOSALS**

- ❖ [OSCE PA Resolution on Victims of Terrorism \(adopted at the 29th Annual Session, Birmingham, 2-6 July 2022\)](#)
- ❖ [OSCE PA Publication on Strengthening Border Security and Information Sharing in the OSCE Region - October 2019](#)
- ❖ [Resolution on the Challenges Related to Returning and Relocating Foreign Terrorist Fighters \(adopted at the 28th Annual Session, Luxembourg, 4-8 July 2019\)](#)
- ❖ [Resolution on Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism \(adopted at the 27th Annual Session, Berlin, 7-11 July 2018\)](#)

## **SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

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