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During the meeting, the chair appreciated the role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in enhancing coordination between federal and provincial departments. Mr. Jeremy Milsom, the Country Representative of UNODC, acknowledged the role of NACTA in making the PACT project a success story. He provided a thorough review of the overall project and its mandate, and he highlighted its achievements. This meeting proved crucial as the committee officially approved the project's expansion to the province of Sindh and suggested that UNODC make the necessary arrangements for Case Analysis Exercise (CAE). The meeting was productive as proposals and suggestions regarding the future projects were incorporated.

As a concluding note, Ms. Androulla Kaminara acknowledged the committee's role in providing an opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss the objectives for implementation of the PACT project.

A significant aspect of this meeting was the launch of PACT's Knowledge Corner at National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) at the conclusion of the meeting. Syed Arsalan, Program Advisor, UNODC delineated the purpose of the knowledge corner to display publications developed during the course of PACT project that highlighted the role of NACTA in providing technical support.

IBM® i2 Analyst Notebook has emerged as a significant tool in terrorism investigation cases for purpose of analysis, verification, and surveillance to track transactional activities and records of suspected citizens. To introduce the usage of this tool in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Amanullah, Program Officer UNODC and Expert on i2 Analyst Notebook, delivered a specialized training session on "Use of Criminal Analysis Tools, and Techniques for CTD KP" on 18th October 2019. It brought together 34 participants from Cyber Forensic Unit (CFU), Research and Analysis (R&A) Wing, supervisory police officers and IT teams, and Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) KP.

The principle objective of the training session was to impart a diverse range of skills related to cyber forensics and social network analysis to participants based on their technical needs. Participants successfully attained awareness on the fundamental criminal-intelligence principles, concepts, and information gathering techniques and sharing of actionable criminal-intelligence. Several instruments of learning including assignments, presentations, and case studies were used to impart training to the participants. Participants were also introduced to ways of processing information into actionable intelligence using multiple tools and techniques. They acquired new skills on the use of innovative analytical tools within IBM® i2 Analyst Notebook via conducting scenario-based exercises in October - December 2019
Training Sessions on Police-Prosecution Cooperation in Terrorism Financing Cases

Mr. Faisal Khan, Legal Expert UNODC; Khurram Rana, Investigator, FIA; and Mr. Shehzada Sultan, Director General CTF- NACTA, successfully delivered the training to participants from police and prosecution departments. The trainers dilated on the following key areas: prevalent challenges that hinder cooperation between police and prosecution; the role of police and prosecution throughout the “Investigation, Trial, and Post Trial stage” of a case; and the “types of cooperation”. Special focus was given to role of Financial Action Task Force (FATF); Impact of application of FATF on Pakistan; and role and feature of UNSC 1373 and UNSC 1267 in terrorism financing (TF) cases. The rest of the training session focused on National framework for CTF; National Risk Assessment; Provisions of Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 related to TF investigation; collection of evidence; role of prosecutor; mandate of judiciary; and extra powers entitled to investigator. The conclusion of the training featured a special lecture on “Use of Technology in Investigating Terrorism Cases”, by Mr. Amanullah Khan, Programme Officer UNODC, and concluded with a case study exercise whereby participants shared their analysis of the scenarios and responded to associated questions. The training concluded with words of appreciation by

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Mock Trial for Investigators, Prosecutors and Judges on Countering the Financing of Terrorism

In accordance to the mandate of PACT project, UNODC organised the 4th Mock Trial for Investigators, Prosecutors, and Judges on Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) from 13-15 November 2019 in Karachi. Altogether 20 participants, including two female representatives from Federal Investigation Agency, attended the workshop. The mock trial was aimed at providing the participants with a platform to replicate an actual trial for investigating cases of terrorism financing, in real time.

The content shared during the event focused on the significance of partnership between police, prosecution, and judiciary during terrorism investigation cases. Participants successfully attained knowledge on threats and challenges faced during investigation of terrorism financing; on the provisions of international framework for countering the financing of terrorists; and the timeline of development of global terrorism and its implications on South Asia and South-East Asia including Pakistan; National Risk Assessment and Pakistan’s response to TF based on recommendations of FATF. The trial provided a platform for the participants to analyze case studies whereby they presented their findings to the judges in the form of moderated mock trial. It concluded with a closing ceremony whereby participants appreciated UNODC and EU for their extended support.

Training Rollout- Series of Training Sessions on 'Terrorism Investigation Course' and 'Legal Proceedings and Court Trials'

Development of specialized modules under the Terrorism Investigation Course was one of the milestones achieved under the PACT Project. The aim behind the development of these modules was to enhance the capacity of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa’s Police Department for tackling terrorism cases through practical impartation of knowledge on the specialized modules in the form of training of trainers. Under a planned training rollout, UNODC Pakistan, conducted a series of month-long trainings on 'terrorism investigation course' and 'legal proceedings and court trials'. These training sessions took place in October, November, and December 2019. The purpose of the training was to equip participants with extensive knowledge of legislative frameworks that regulate investigation of terrorism cases; terrorism investigation procedures; investigation processes, legal proceedings and court trials.

Within each monthly training, four week-long sessions were held in Peshawar and Hangu, KP resulting in a total 26 weeks of training spanned over 156 learning hours. These sessions successfully trained 800 participants altogether on already-developed modules including Background to Terrorism and Legal framework; Crime Scene Management; Physical Evidence Collection, Preservation, and Analysis; and Trace Evidence and its Evidentiary Value; Arrest, Investigation, Interview and Intelligence; Investigation Processes and Court Trials; Case File Management; and Proclaimed Offender.

Throughout the training, special emphasis was placed on imparting theoretical knowledge regarding emerging terrorism related challenges and counter terrorism mechanisms. Trainers elaborated on types of terrorism
UNODC, under the framework of Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism, organised a two-day study visit to Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) Lahore from 30-31 December 2019. This visit was a part of the 4th training of terrorism investigation course for the module “Trace Evidence and its Evidentiary Value”.

Altogether thirty Investigating Officers from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Police and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police attended the study visit, which was organised through technical and financial contribution by European Union (EU). The objective was to facilitate exchange of knowledge on the use of forensic science in terrorism cases and on investigation processes. It provided the participants with a first-hand practical experience of the role of forensics in investigation.

Participants were introduced to several types of evidence to be considered for forensic testing including digital evidence, CDRs, DNA, and latent fingerprints after a brief orientation session. They successfully learnt procedures pertaining to and guidelines to be followed for analysis of trace and forensic evidence. Forensic science experts present at the facility performed experiments to demonstrate the step-by-step
procedure of data extraction from cellular devices and other digital media to fulfill the objective of a better understanding in the identification, collection, preservation, and transportation of evidence. Discussions on several forensic science disciplines including forensic pathology and histology, DNA and biological information, and trace evidence and audiovisual analysis, explosives, firearms and tools-marks, vehicles and ballistic tools took place. A special feature of this visit was a group activity in form of moderated mock trial after which participants extended their words of appreciation to UNODC and EU.

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