

COMMUNIQUE
**of the XVI-th Meeting of Heads of Special Services,
Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations**

On 4–5 October 2017, participants of the XVI-th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations, representing 75 countries and 4 international organizations, namely the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the European Union,

based on the fundamental norms and principles of international law, including the equality of rights and sovereignty of states and non-interference in the internal affairs thereof,

stressing the responsibility of the Member States in countering terrorism,

reaffirming the Meeting's adherence to forming a united antiterrorist front of security intelligence and law-enforcement agencies with the United Nations playing a central coordinating role, as well as to the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the UN Security Council resolutions;

taking into account:

the risk of emergence of new hot spots of armed conflicts and further expansion of terrorism geography,

an unprecedented increase in the level of the terrorist activity worldwide,

the threats posed by foreign terrorist fighters returning from armed conflict zones to their countries of origin with a view to carrying out the terrorist activity,

the “autonomous Jihad” tactics actively employed by terrorist groups,

the on-going processes of the general public radicalization and uncontrollable dissemination of terrorist narratives, including in the Internet realm, blogger-centered outfits and social media,

the use by terrorists of advanced means of communications enabling the cryptographic protection of the transmitted data,

the growing number and technological level of computer attacks on the information infrastructures of states,

terrorism-related threats to major international events security,

focused on:

forming a universal antiterrorist information environment *inter alia* by way of using facilities of the International Counterterrorism Database,

widespread counter-propaganda campaign directed against terrorist and extremist narratives,

strengthening interaction in countering the use of information and communications technologies for terrorist and other illegal purposes,

enhancing practical cooperation of national stakeholders in matters of computer incidents response.

Participants of the XVI-th Meeting have decided:

1. To come out with a joint statement in support of the United Nations Security Council resolution 2354 (2017) and the “Comprehensive International Framework to Counter Terrorist Narratives”.
2. To enhance cooperation among the partners to counter terrorist propaganda, including in the Internet realm.
3. To expand the scope of sharing operational intelligence with regard to identified members, new modus operandi employed by international terrorist organizations, foreign terrorist fighters and routes of travel thereof.
4. To take appropriate measures with a view to improving security intelligence and law-enforcement agencies cooperation, including on the UN platform, so as to preclude the possibility of utilizing information and communications technologies in terrorist and other unlawful activities.
5. To help promote the norms, rules and principles of responsible behavior of states within information space, using all international fora, above all the United Nations, to that effect.
6. To use the Working Group of Security Intelligence and Law-Enforcement Experts on Major International Events Security, functioning within the Meeting’s framework, as a platform for interaction and sharing operational intelligence on possible security threats prior to and during the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
7. To convene the XVII-th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations in 2018, in the Russian Federation, and to commence the work of drafting the upcoming event’s agenda.