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In 2010, in response to increased demand for capacity building assistance, the UNODC/Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) provided countries across the globe with sustained, tailor-made assistance at the national level to domestic criminal justice practitioners involved in the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of concrete cases; facilitated the strengthening of international and regional cooperation; and launched new thematic initiatives, innovative tools and training methods in specialized areas. The branch aims to continue enhancing its programmes over the course of 2011 and strengthening its cooperative relationships with governments, international and regional organizations and criminal justice practitioners across the globe.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010**

- Technical assistance provided to 88 countries, 23 national and sub-regional capacity building activities delivered and more than 1,970 officials from all over the world trained
- Launch of the Digest of Terrorist Cases
- Development of the CT Legal Training Curriculum
- I-ACT initiative
- Regional Platforms
- Initiation of programs on Victims of terrorism and on the Use of the Internet for Terrorist Purposes

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TPB’s regional meetings mobilize countries’ political commitment and intensify national action to ratify and implement the universal instruments against terrorism and increase international cooperation in combating terrorism. Follow-up regional meetings evaluate progress made, help sustain countries’ commitments and identify areas where assistance is necessary.

**WORKSHOPS**

**COMBATING THE USE OF THE INTERNET FOR TERRORIST PURPOSES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**
Cartagena de Indias – Colombia (10 to 13 October 2010)

Aimed at strengthening South American countries’ national expertise and capacities to apply and enforce domestic legislation implementing the universal and regional legal instruments against terrorism, this sub-regional workshop highlighted legislation fighting crimes related to the use of the internet for terrorism purposes, including the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1373/2001 (recruitment) and 1624/2005 (incitement to commit terrorist acts). As such, the workshop provided a platform to share good practices and challenges related to the investigation and prosecution of crimes and the mechanisms of international cooperation.

**COUNTERING CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR (CBRN) AND MARITIME TERRORISM**
Bridgetown-Barbados (24 to 26 November 2010) (Cf: Picture below)

Through this sub-regional workshop, TPB sought to contribute to the full ratification and implementation of the universal legal instruments against terrorism related to the prevention and suppression of acts of CBRN and maritime terrorism. The workshop provided participants with a forum to discuss existing national legislation as well as the role of the United Nations in this area as well as the benefits and challenges of international cooperation in this field. As an immediate result of the workshop, 33 delegates were trained on CBRN and Maritime terrorism issues.

**AFGHANISTAN’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS UNDERTAKE STUDY TOUR WITH TPB**
Germany and Sweden (December 2010)

Held from 6-10 December 2010 in Berlin and Stockholm, this study tour on “International Cooperation in Countering Terrorism” was attended by 13 high-level criminal justice officials from across the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Members of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Supreme Court, Attorney General’s Office and Prosecutors Directorate, participants were provided with a platform to share expertise and good practices. Additionally, the tour exposed the Afghan officials to international experience in implementing counter-terrorism legislation in conformity with the universal legal regime against terrorism as well as building their international criminal justice responses to terrorism and international cooperation in the fight against terrorism.
**TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) OF THE SAHEL**
Dakar, Senegal (3 to 11 November 2010)

This training course aimed at enhancing the capacity of trainers to design, plan and implement participant-centered training programs on the legal framework against terrorism and international cooperation in criminal matters. The ToT is particularly significant as it reflects TPB’s strategy objectives that prioritize local leadership and its ownership of the development process. Indeed, training judicial authorities, who are key stakeholders in the project, is critical to ensuring the successful and sustainable implementation of the program itself. The ToT was created with the purpose of supporting UNODC/TPB methodology and promoting the capacity of judicial trainers. Participating countries: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

**CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR 10 CIVIL LAW AND COMMON LAW AFRICAN COUNTRIES**
Yaoundé, Cameroon (16 to 18 February 2010)

A regional expert meeting to strengthen international cooperation in criminal matters between civil law and common law African countries was jointly organized by the Republic of Cameroon, the Commonwealth Secretariat (COMSEC) and TPB/UNODC, in Yaoundé, Cameroon, to address the difficulties encountered by many African countries from different legal systems to cooperate effectively in criminal matters. The meeting was attended by experts from both civil law and common law countries (Angola, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Djibouti, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Tanzania). At the end of the workshop, participants agreed on a set of Recommendations, requesting in particular COMSEC and UNODC to continue to work together in strengthening the capacities of criminal justice officials in their efforts to enhance international cooperation in tackling transnational crimes.

**HIGH LEVEL PROSECUTOR’S MEETING ON THE ROLE OF PROSECUTORS AGAINST PROCEEDS OF CRIME AND FINANCING OF TERRORISM**
Seoul, Republic of Korea (23 to 25 August 2010)

This regional meeting for ASEAN countries was organized by the Supreme Prosecutors’ Office of the Republic of Korea and UNODC/RCEAP, jointly funded by two UNODC projects: Prosecutorial Capacity Building and Global Project on Strengthening the Legal Regime against Terrorism. Held in Seoul, the meeting involved 37 participants including high-level prosecutors as well as anti-money laundering officials from all ten ASEAN member states, prosecutors from the Republic of Korea and researchers from the Korean Institute of Criminology. The meeting provided a forum for the exchange of information on legal frameworks and practices with respect to the proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism, and led to discussions on follow-up activities to enhance mutual understanding of the legal regimes and practices within the region. As a result of deliberations, the participants agreed upon a declaration on “The Role of Prosecutors against Proceeds of Crime and Financing of Terrorism.”

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR OIC MEMBER STATES ON THE LEGAL RESPONSES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM**
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (25 to 26 May 2010)

Organized with the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, this regional workshop was designed to provide the representatives of the OIC Member States with the latest developments related to the fight against international terrorism and the measures taken to give practical effect to the international cooperation tools set forth in the relevant universal legal instruments. The workshop was also an opportunity to emphasize the role of the international and regional organizations supporting OIC countries with counter terrorism capacity building programs. In addition, experts from the Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), the Monitoring team of the 1267 Committee, the 1540 committee and Naif University contributed to this workshop.
Due to the complex nature of terrorism, and in order to meet the Member States’ evolving needs, TPB has increasingly focused on specialized thematic areas, such as financing of terrorism, international cooperation in criminal matters in relation to terrorism, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism, and victims of terrorism. TPB also developed the capacity to respond to the evolution of counter-terrorism challenges by building up activities in new areas such as the use of internet for terrorist purposes. TPB expertise in these thematic areas is supported by the publication of a large number of technical tools in all official UN languages as well as local languages to enable the creation of the necessary expertise among authorized criminal justice officials.

**JUDICIAL REGIONAL PLATFORMS**

The UNODC’s Terrorism Prevention Branch, together with the Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, have successfully established two Judicial Regional Platforms to strengthen international cooperation in criminal matters in the regions of the Sahel and the Indian Ocean. Their focus is to prevent and combat serious crime, including organized crime, corruption, drug trafficking and terrorism. The Platforms are international cooperation networks of focal points, which facilitate extradition and mutual legal assistance in criminal procedures between their Platform’s member states. Ten months after its launch, the Regional Judicial Platform of the Indian Ocean Commission countries has been instrumental in facilitating 17 extradition procedures and mutual legal assistance, and increasing the contacts between the focal points by 80%. For more detailed information see: [http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/legal-tools/international-cooperation-networks.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/legal-tools/international-cooperation-networks.html)

**DIGEST OF TERRORIST CASES IN WASHINGTON D.C.**

On 30 November 2010, TPB hosted, in partnership with the Centre on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation, the U.S. launch of its Digest of Terrorist Cases, a new technical assistance tool to strengthen the legal regime against terrorism and improve the capacity of Member States to implement the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism. Made possible by extensive cooperation between UNODC/TPB staff and high-level counter-terrorism practitioners, the Digest draws upon actual investigations, prosecutions and legal experiences concerning terrorist cases reviewed and commented on by national experts involved therein.

**COUNTER-TERRORISM LEGAL TRAINING CURRICULUM MODULE 2**

TPB is developing a comprehensive legal training curriculum for criminal justice officials to impart specialized counter-terrorism legal knowledge in a more systematic manner. The curriculum consists of 10 training modules on specific thematic issues (CBRN, transportation security, financing of terrorism, use of the internet for terrorist purposes), for which additional tools and case studies are developed. The Curriculum integrates training materials on related topics, such as money laundering and organized crime, developed by other parts of UNODC. A first module on the international legal framework against terrorism was disseminated in July 2010, and the second module on international cooperation in criminal matters is now ready to be launched.
EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS (EGM) ON THE ROLE OF VICTIMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCEEDINGS (VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 26-27 MAY 2010)

Experts met to discuss the different aspects of an effective criminal justice response to support victims of terrorism, with the aim to exchange views and experiences, to review a preliminary outline as well as to provide input for a publication under development. This publication will serve to strengthen UNODC/TPB’s provision of legal assistance to build capacity of Member States for the development of programmes of assistance and support for victims of terrorism.

IN 2010, TPB DELIVERED 17 TRAINING WORKSHOPS ON THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED JOINTLY WITH GPML AN EGM ON CASH COURIERS (VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 22-23 NOVEMBER 2010)

The expert group meeting on Cash Couriers, co-organized by the Global Programme against Money Laundering (GPML) and TPB, gathered together experts in the field to discuss the development of a comprehensive training package on the combating of illicit cash smuggling. This cash could derive from, or support, drug-trafficking, money-laundering and other serious crimes as well as terrorist acts. The draft training package developed during discussions also addresses the forfeiture of proceeds of crime in order to limit potential further funding for organized criminals and terrorists.

PARTNERSHIPS

TPB works jointly with regional and international partners throughout the world, cooperating with organizations to maximize impact, to avoid duplication of activities, and to bring multiple sources of expertise to countries on terrorism issues.

THE I-ACT INITIATIVE

The I-ACT initiative, developed under the remit of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), aims to develop a mechanism through which Member States can address their requests for assistance directly to the UN via one entry point and receive the required tailored assistance with regard to all four pillars of the Strategy.

As one of the coordinators of the I-ACT initiative, UNODC plays an important role in the conceptualization, further elaboration and implementation of the Initiative, drawing on its substantive and operational expertise and institutional capacity. UNODC has been assigned by the Office of the CTITF the operational lead for the first phase; developing the I-ACT Information System under the over-all guidance from the Chair of the Task Force. For the implementation of this, financial resources have been provided by the Office of the CTITF to UNODC, including for the hiring of substantive expertise. The CTITF Office has procured the assistance of UNODC Country Office in Nigeria to provide liaison services with national counterparts in Nigeria as necessary.

UNODC has provided substantive support to the mapping and gaps analysis exercise and based on the analysis undertaken for Nigeria within the I-ACT framework, UNODC has – together with OHCHR – developed a proposal on training for criminal justice practitioners on counter-terrorism legal frameworks, the rule of law and human rights which was presented at the stakeholders meeting on Nigeria held in New York in November 2010.

As the first phase has been completed, the responsibility to manage the I-ACT system and see through the mapping and gaps analysis exercise to the implementation phase for Burkina Faso and Nigeria will be transferred to the CTITF office in New York by the end of 2010. UNODC through ITS, will continue to provide IT services to maintain the system.
In order to strengthen the Branch’s ability to focus on delivering expected results, TPB is currently in the process of fine-tuning a standardized monitoring and reporting approach. TPB’s management strategy involves defining realistic results, monitoring progress toward their achievement, integrating lessons learnt into management decisions, and reporting on performance. TPB’s monitoring and evaluation framework contains performance indicators and tools to collect baseline data against which progress is measured both at periodic intervals and at the conclusion of the project. TPB uses this data to measure and critically analyze impact, make changes to activities in order to increase effectiveness (if required), glean lessons learned for the purpose of information-sharing and organizational learning, and to inform the development of future projects.

**EXAMPLES OF EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPACT OF THE TERRORISM PREVENTION BRANCH’S ACTIVITIES**

- **Feedback on the “Training Workshop of Criminal Justice Official on the Mechanism of International Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Fighting Terrorism”, Chad, November 2010**

  Knowledge before and after the course (Satisfaction rating min 1/ max 5)

AFGHANISTAN

The in-depth program for technical assistance to Afghanistan was developed to strengthen its legal regime against terrorism, under the UNODC/TPB Global Project, in close consultation with the authorities of Afghanistan. These assistance activities form an integral part of the UNODC country programme for Afghanistan and will be carried out in full coherence with this broader UNODC programme. UNODC/TPB’s main objective is to strengthen the capacity of Afghanistan to fight terrorism through the development and effective implementation of a comprehensive national counter-terrorism legal framework, in compliance with the relevant international legal instruments, Security Council resolutions and the rule of law. The key focus is capacity building assistance for the criminal justice system in specialized counter-terrorism legal aspects and the main outcomes include:

(i) Counter-terrorism legislation revised in accordance with the international legal instruments against terrorism, relevant Security Council resolutions and the rule of law.
(ii) An estimated 200 criminal justice officials trained in various counter-terrorism legal aspects.
(iii) Strengthened capacity of Afghanistan’s judicial authorities to participate effectively in international cooperation in criminal matter relating to terrorism.
(iv) Progress towards ratification of the remaining five international legal instruments, including the nuclear terrorism convention, and required implementing legislation.

ALGERIA

This in-depth program has already ensured the successful completion of a national workshop for criminal justice officials aimed at raising awareness and capacity building in terms of the ratification and implementation of the international legal instruments related to the safety of maritime navigation in the context of the fight against terrorism. In February 2011, Algiers will also host the sub-regional workshop for North African and Sahel countries on judicial responses to terrorism and other transnational threats in the region (organized by the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT) in cooperation with UNODC/TPB), which will be followed up by an online training course in cooperation with the Ecole Supérieure de la Magistrature (ESM ) that coincides with the launch of the UNODC Counter-terrorism’s learning platform. Longer-term projects, however, will focus thematic issues, with a workshop on the prevention of, and the fight against the use of internet for terrorist purposes and another workshop on international cooperation mechanisms in counter-terrorism

COLOMBIA

The 2-year agreement between the Ministry of Interior and Justice of Colombia and UNODC/TPB is a very important step for TPB’s presence in Colombia as this agreement creates opportunities for enhancing in-depth work in the country, for strengthening commitment and ownership as well as regional cooperation in counter-terrorism. This cooperation has allowed for the development of a wide variety of thematic activities including:

• National Platform on counter-terrorism to enhance the internal dialogue and exchange of information among Colombian institutions - Implemented in December 2010
• Regional workshop for trainers of Latin American countries on the application of the “Digest of Terrorism Cases” (a module will be developed for Judicial Schools and Schools of Prosecutors/Public Ministries of Latin American countries) – Implementation in second/third quarter 2011
• Support to the International Center on Analysis, Monitoring and Prevention of Terrorism (CIAMPT) by providing expertise from amongst TPB’s specialized consultants. The Center will be established in Colombia by Colombian Institutions.
THE SAHEL

The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of Sahel countries to fight terrorism, through the development and effective implementation of comprehensive counter-terrorism legal frameworks and enhanced international cooperation in criminal matters, in compliance with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (Resolution A/RES/60/288), relevant Security Council resolutions and international legal instruments, and in accordance with the rule of law and human right standards.

As the different recipient countries are not at the same level of preparedness and response to the threat of terrorism, technical assistance provided under this project has been tailored on the basis of country-specific needs. The focus of the proposed project will be on Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania and Niger where there are similar levels in terms of domestic counter-terrorism legislation.

By the end of the project, the following outcomes are foreseen:

1) Strengthened capacity of law enforcement and criminal justice authorities in the select recipient countries to investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate terrorist cases in an efficient manner and in accordance with the rule of law and human right standards.

2) Strengthened capacity of criminal justice officials of the select recipient countries to use effectively and efficiently international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters through an informal network of focal points (Judicial platform - June 2010)

YEMEN

The Sub-Programme for Yemen is an integral part of the UNODC Integrated Country Programme for the Republic of Yemen 2011-2015 and has been developed in close cooperation with the relevant national counterparts and as a response to the strong call from the Arab Member States covered by the UNODC/League of Arab States Regional Programme on Drug Control, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform in the Arab States 2011-2015 to prioritize Yemen.

The activities under the current Sub-Programme have been elaborated in close cooperation with the Yemeni Government, especially during the National Expert Meeting on 29 November 2010 in Sana’a that reviewed and finalized the Country Programme.

The Sub-Programme aims at strengthening the capacity of the Government of Yemen to fight terrorism through the effective implementation of a comprehensive counter-terrorism legal framework in compliance with the relevant international legal instruments, Security Council resolutions and in accordance with the rule of law and human rights. The Sub-Programme also aims at fostering Yemen’s capacity to participate in international cooperation in criminal matters and at strengthening closer regional cooperation especially with the countries of Eastern Africa. This focus on capacity building activities involves:

- Strengthening capacity to legislate in the C-T field
- Strengthening parliamentary oversight over C-T
- Knowledge building with judicial training institutes
- Specialized training of criminal justice officials
- Regional cooperation (East Africa)
EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON VICTIMS OF TERRORISM TO BE HELD IN COLOMBIA

In a joint exercise by its Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) and its Justice Section (JS), UNODC convened the first expert group meeting (held in Vienna, Austria, on 26 and 27 May 2010) with the primary objective of contributing to the development of a publication on an effective criminal justice response to supporting victims of terrorism. The work of the participating experts was instrumental in the identification, collection and dissemination of national experiences of programmes of assistance and support for victims of terrorism.

On 26 and 27 January 2011, the Terrorism Prevention Branch and the Justice Section of UNODC will hold the second Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on the Criminal Justice Response to Victims of Terrorism which will take place in Bogotá, Colombia. This second EGM will be devoted to finalizing the advanced draft of the publication. This publication is intended for use as part of UNODC capacity-building activities in the fields of criminal justice related to terrorism and counter-terrorism and human rights, and in order to assist requesting Member States in the development and implementation of programmes of assistance and support for victims of terrorist acts at national level.

SYMPOSIUM: TAKING STOCK AND DEFINING THE WAY FORWARD – STRENGTHENING THE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM BY ADDRESSING CONNECTIONS WITH RELATED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Ten years have passed since the elaboration of the Vienna Plan of action against terrorism, in September 2001, which provided the start for UNODC’s current technical assistance work on countering terrorism. This anniversary will offer momentum to evaluate what has been achieved so far in countering international terrorism and to reflect on the way forward.

One issue of growing interest is the connection between terrorist acts and other forms of serious crime, such as transnational organized crime, drug trafficking, illicit trafficking in firearms, money laundering, and other forms of illicit activity. It has therefore been proposed that a symposium be held to foster discussion on the manner in which the connections between terrorism and other forms of serious crime can be effectively addressed. The symposium will be a two-day event, held in the Vienna International Centre on 16-17 March 2011. All United Nations Member States, relevant United Nations System entities and relevant regional and sub-regional organizations (with C-T portfolios) have been invited to attend the Symposium.

ON-LINE UNODC COUNTER-TERRORISM LEARNING PLATFORM - OFFICIAL LAUNCH ON 16 AND 17 MARCH, VIENNA

Early in 2011, UNODC’s Terrorism Prevention Branch will launch its newly on-line Counter-Terrorism Learning Platform. The Platform is an interactive tool specifically designed to assist criminal justice officers with their needs in the field of international cooperation against terrorism. It will provide a unique gateway to a Global Community of practitioners focused on exchanging information and practical advice and following Training Courses to update and re-fine their skills.

The concept of the counter-terrorism learning platform stemmed from the success of the first online training courses on the international legal framework against terrorism developed in 2008-2009 by UNODC’s Terrorism Prevention Branch together with the DiploFoundation, which provided the necessary IT platform and web-based expertise. In view of the success of the online format and the high demand by governments to develop this training format further, UNODC/TPB has developed its own Online Learning Platform, which is expected to become operational in the first half of 2011.

Although the online training will not replace standard workshops with face-to-face interaction with participants, this new delivery method will provide significant added-value in terms of TPB’s global impact. The advantages of offering distance-learning activities include: sharing UNODC/TPB expertise with a worldwide audience; increasing training inclusiveness by reducing the time and space barriers for participants; allowing them to study while remaining on-the-job; significantly reducing travel expenses.

A presentation of the Online Platform will take place on the 17 February for the “Auditeurs de Justice” of the Ecole Supérieure de la Magistrature of Algeria (in the framework of the Online Training Course that will be provided to them from 21/02 to 01/04/2011).
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