



CICA Plan of Action on the Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

We, the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA);

Reiterating strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and reaffirming that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivations, whenever, wherever and by whomsoever committed;

Recognising that terrorism constitutes a direct violation and denial of human rights, in particular the right to life, and fundamental freedom, democracy, security and development; is aimed at threatening sovereignty, territorial integrity, stability and the security of States; and that the international community should take the necessary steps to enhance cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism in a decisive, unified, coordinated, inclusive and transparent manner;

Recognising also that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group,

Reaffirming our strong commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter especially sovereign equality, territorial integrity, political independence and non-interference in their internal affairs;

Reiterating our strong resolve to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including but not limited to financing, supporting, harbouring, training and equipping of terrorists and disseminating terrorist propaganda and to strengthen bilateral, regional and international cooperation;

Emphasising the central role of the UN in the fight against international terrorism and reaffirming commitment to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy; and calling to step up our efforts to implement all 4 pillars of the Strategy in an integrated and balanced manner in all its aspects;

Recalling our commitments with regard to implementation of the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council resolutions relating to international terrorism.

Reiterating the primary responsibility of States and their respective national institutions in preventing and countering terrorism both at the national and international levels, including the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

Welcoming the adoption of the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/75/291 on the seventh review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy which, inter alia, encourages the development of national, subregional and regional plans to support the implementation of the Strategy;

Emphasising that promotion and protection of human rights, rule of law, and sustainable economic and social development and sharing good practices to raise awareness against online terrorist propaganda are factors which can contribute to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism;

Mindful of the role CICA is well placed to play in coordinating efforts for national, regional and international counter-terrorism initiatives;

Taking into account that the present Action Plan is aimed at implementation, on a voluntary basis, of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in a comprehensive manner within the CICA region, and that this Plan may be reviewed as required;

Recognizing the need to respect the sovereignty of each country and its relevant pertinent national legislations;

Pillar I: Measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism

Resolve to encourage the following measures aimed at addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism:

1. To take measures in accordance with Member States' obligations under the international law and while ensuring national ownership, to address conditions conducive to terrorism, both internal and external, in a balanced manner, while recognizing that none of the conditions can excuse or justify acts of terrorism.

2. To eradicate poverty and to promote sustainable economic and social development, social justice as part of the strategy to prevent spread of terrorism and to support exchange of good practices and information in this area.
3. To support human rights as well as values of mutual respect, respect for diversity, pluralism and tolerance among different cultures, civilizations and religions.
4. To respect freedom of religions, promote inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue and prevent disinformation that could lead to radicalization to terrorism.
5. To look into ways to develop agreed tools of assistance at the national and regional level on a voluntary basis with coordination among member states to address the needs of victims of terrorism and to ensure that they are treated with dignity and that their right to access to justice is respected.
6. To condemn and prohibit any forms of justification, glorification or apologia of terrorism, that may incite terrorist acts, to continue to work to develop and adopt measures to counter terrorist narratives, propaganda, and recruitment in the education, the Internet and social networks in accordance with domestic legislation and respective obligations under international law.
7. We recognize the role of the media and use of ICT, effective communication, religious actors and education system, as crucial for success of counter-narrative and counter-terrorism efforts among other things.

Pillar II: Preventing and combating terrorism

We resolve to take following actions to prevent and combat terrorism in accordance with the provisions of the UN Charter as well as national legislation:

1. To consider becoming parties to international counter-terrorism legal instruments, in accordance with their constitutional process in line with domestic law.
2. To intensify when plausible cooperation among Member States in preventing and combating terrorism as well as in combating transnational organized crime, including the illicit trafficking in and smuggling of arms

and drugs, human trafficking, and money laundering, which are closely connected to the financing of terrorism.

3. To continue to implement national and international standards on countering money laundering, the financing of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, as well as to enhance cooperation in these areas with the relevant regional and international bodies, including FATF, when applicable and if the state is party to them.
4. To implement individual and collective measures to address terrorist threats in accordance with domestic and international law, while ensuring freedom of information and expression, and share relevant national experience and best practices with each other.
5. To take effective measures in accordance with international and domestic law to ensure that the territories of Member States are not used for the training, financing and transit of terrorist groups.
6. To increase efforts to prevent and counter terrorism, including the spread of terrorist ideology and propaganda and the use of the Internet for terrorist purposes in their countries;
7. To call upon the media to apply ethical standards when depicting terrorist events in order to avoid amplifying terrorist content;
8. To cooperate in efforts to address the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters, including by preventing the radicalization conducive to terrorism and recruitment of foreign terrorist fighters, enhancing relevant information sharing, preventing foreign terrorist fighters from crossing our national borders, disrupting and preventing financial support to foreign terrorist fighters, and developing and implementing prosecution, reintegration and rehabilitation strategies for possible returning foreign terrorist fighters in accordance with national legislation and policies.
9. To identify and suppress criminal activities of terrorist groups and individuals including smuggling, obtaining, handling, financing, storing, using or seeking access to all types of weapons, arms and ammunitions, explosives, toxic and radioactive substances, materials and components that can be used to manufacture explosive devices.
10. To destroy laboratories and other specialized facilities of terrorist organizations intended for manufacture of weapons, arms, ammunition, explosives and explosive devices as well as weapons of mass destruction.

11. To enhance cooperation to counter and suppress nexus between the terrorism and transnational organized criminal networks.
12. To identify and address challenges arising out of the usage of cryptocurrencies for financing terrorism and transnational organized crime, including but not limited to illicit drug and human trafficking, money laundering.

Pillar III: Measures to build States' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism

We resolve to encourage the following measures to develop our capacities to prevent and combat terrorism:

1. To encourage organizing training programmes, workshops and seminars for the relevant agencies.
2. To encourage efforts for sharing and exchange of information and best practices among law enforcement agencies through bilateral, regional and multilateral legal mechanisms in accordance with domestic law and our respective obligations under international law to support effective criminal investigation and prosecution of any person who supports, facilitates, participates or attempts to participate in the financing, planning, preparation, perpetration of terrorist acts or provides safe havens.
3. To strengthen the capacity of the national criminal justice systems to properly investigate, prosecute and adjudicate terrorist offences.
4. To encourage sustained cooperation among international and regional organizations as well as with the relevant UN agencies through memoranda of understanding or other means for more effective and practical cooperation, joint activities and efficient exchange of information.
5. To facilitate interaction and enhanced cooperation through multilateral and bilateral agreements between governmental focal points in the Member States.
6. To promote, where feasible, partnerships in the fight against terrorism, in order to develop capacity-building prevention and protection programs according to national legislation local conditions and national priorities.

7. To promote collective or bilateral cooperation upon request from member States through technical, logistical or financial assistance, for the purpose of combating terrorism.

Pillar IV: Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism

We resolve to take following actions while reaffirming that the promotion and protection of human rights for all and respect for the rule of law is essential to all components of the Strategy, recognising that effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals, but complementary and mutually reinforcing, and emphasizing the need to promote international solidarity in support of victims of terrorism and to ensure that victims of terrorism are treated with dignity and respect:

1. To ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with our respective obligations under international law, also taking into consideration effects of terrorism on human rights of the victims of terrorism.
2. To reaffirm the essential role of the United Nations system in strengthening the international legal architecture by promoting the rule of law, respect for human rights and maintaining effective criminal justice systems, which constitute the fundamental basis of our common fight against terrorism.
3. To encourage public discussion of national programmes, plans and strategies on countering terrorism in order to ensure transparency and accountability.