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***INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION
IN COUNTER-TERRORISM***

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CONCEPT PAPER

The International Conference on National and International Coordination in Counter-Terrorism will take place in Istanbul on 24 and 25 October 2013, immediately following the 25th plenary meeting of the counter-terrorism committee of the Council of Europe, CODEXTER.

The Conference is co-organised by the Council of Europe and the Undersecretariat of Public Order and Security of Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey. The Conference will bring together experts and policy-makers from the 47 member States of the Council of Europe and States enjoying observer status with the Council of Europe, the United Nations, the European Union and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In three sessions the Conference will discuss the following topics:

- Organisation and general role of the national counter-terrorism coordination bodies: Country presentations, sharing of good practices and lessons learned
- The specific role of coordination bodies in the preparation, implementation and review of national counter-terrorism strategies
- Coordinating counter-terrorism efforts at international fora: Achievements, challenges and prospects for reinforced cooperation

Discussions will focus on legal and policy issues with a view to identifying best practices in counter-terrorism coordination, both at national and international levels. Among other issues, participants will examine the role of national counter-terrorism coordination bodies in policy-making, and how best to ensure proper coordination at national level between the various government agencies responsible for the prevention and suppression of terrorism.

In addition, the Conference will focus on the role of inter-governmental and supranational organisations in coordinating policy-making and standard-setting in the field of counter-terrorism at international level.

The aim of the Conference is to contribute to the strengthening of national and international coordination in counter-terrorism, notably through:

- Highlighting the importance of efficient coordination in the prevention and suppression of terrorism, both at national and international levels
- Bringing together key experts and providing a forum for the exchange of experience on national and international coordination in counter-terrorism
- Identifying best practices for strengthening the involvement of national counter-terrorism coordination bodies in policy-making processes at both national and international level
- Exploring ways of improving and deepening coordination and cooperation between intergovernmental and supranational organisations active in the field of counter-terrorism, as well as between the United Nations, regional organisations and other relevant international fora, such as the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF)

A summary by the Chair of the Conference of the outcome of discussions in the three sessions will be made available to participants.