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**The Swiss Counterterrorism Policy and the role of the
National Counterterrorism Coordination**

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Presentation overview

I. Key elements of the Swiss CT policy

II. The Swiss CT Coordination

- external dimension
- internal dimension



I. Swiss CT policy

Fundamentals

- **Balanced approach** between **prevention** and **repression**
- Absolute respect of international law, notably **human rights**
- Application of international **humanitarian law** without any exception



I. Swiss CT policy

Anchor to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

containing practical recommendations in *four key areas*:

1. tackling the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism
2. preventing and combating terrorism
3. building countries' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the United Nations system in that regard
4. ensuring respect for human rights for all and the rule of law while countering terrorism



I. Swiss CT policy

Other international actors

- Council of Europe
- OSCE
- GCTF



I. Swiss CT policy

Main priorities

- Implementation of the UN Global CT Strategy
- Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination
- The fight against terrorism shall respect international law, in particular human rights and international humanitarian law
- Association to international initiatives combatting the financing of terrorism, ensuring the highest standards for the Swiss financial center



II. The Swiss CT Coordination

Mandate

- 2001: mandate of the Government to the Foreign Affairs to take charge oft the CT foreign policy
- Within Foreign Affairs: the Directorate of International Law
- Ensuring a common position of Switzerland at the international level
- Other federal services, within Foreign Affairs or the whole Swiss federal administration, are keeping the lead on their field of competences



II. The Swiss CT Coordination

Tasks

- Coordination of international activities of any federal service dealing with CT issue
- Chairmanship of the Inter-Departmental Working Group on Terrorism („IDAG-Terrorismus“)
- Coordination of any activity/initiative/engagement of Switzerland in international organisations
- Focal Point with the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee and the SC Sanctions Committee on Al-Qaida und Taliban (1267 Committee)
- Creation of networks between like-minded States; international multilateral or bilateral meetings



II. The Swiss CT Coordination

„IDAG-Terrorismus“

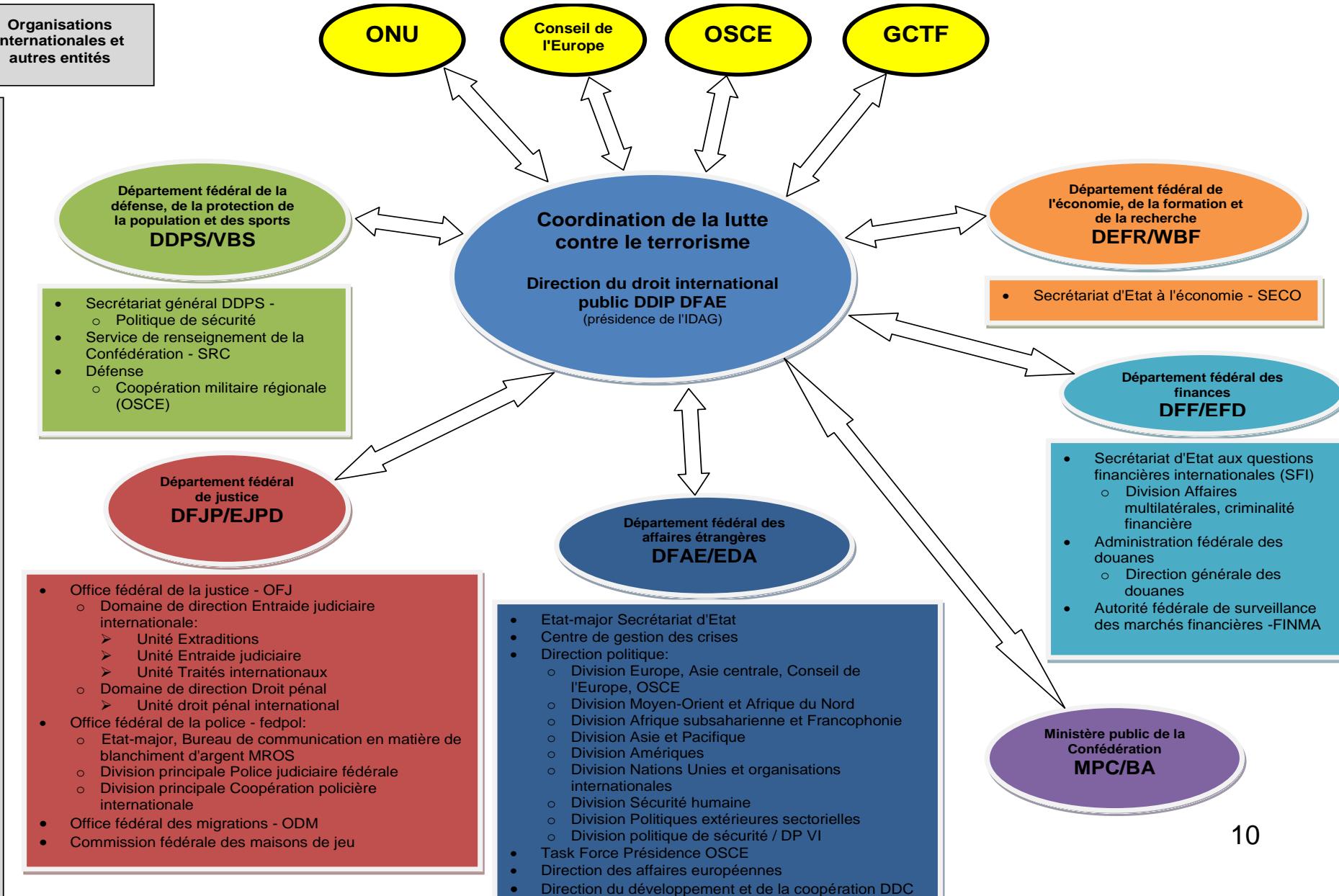
- Meeting every 3-4 months
- IDAG is a forum for information exchange
- The CT Coordination ensures the secretariat and provides some useful information to the members on a daily basis



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Organisations internationales et autres entités





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