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COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE ON COUNTER-TERRORISM (CDCT)

BUREAU

17th meeting

Paris, 7 October 2026

LIST OF DECISIONS

The CDCT Bureau, meeting on 7 October 2026, under the Presidency of Ms Ileana VIȘOIU (Romania), decided to:

1. Opening of the meeting

Open the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Adopt the agenda.

3. Communication by the President, other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat

Take note of the information provided by the President on the status of the process for the European Union to access to the Amending Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 231).

Take note of the information provided by Ms Dalma HEGEDŰS (Hungary) on the publication of the [United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate \(UNCTED\) report on its comprehensive visit to Hungary](#), the restructuring of Hungary's Counter-Terrorism Centre pursuant to a new law that entered into force on 1 October 2026, the ongoing MONEYVAL evaluation and participation in the Christchurch Call Action Forum on 14 and 15 September 2026.

Take note of the information provided by the Vice-President, Mr Nicola PIACENTE (Italy), on the extension, by a piece of legislation adopted on 29 September 2026, of the co-ordination powers of the National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor to include proceedings on organised crime and terrorism involving minors.

Take note of the information provided by Mr Carlo CHIAROMONTE, the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Co-ordinator, regarding his recent meetings with the new National Co-ordinator for Counter-Terrorism and Security of the Netherlands, Mr Marc KUIPERS, and French representatives at the Ministry of Justice dealing with counter-terrorism issues, with whom he discussed issues of common interest. Mr Chiaromonte also reported on the follow-up to the [International Conference on "Terrorism and violent extremism: The radicalisation of youth"](#) (hereinafter the "Conference"), and the outcome of the first meeting of a restricted group of experts dealing with this matter.

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the Council of Europe's participation in the [2026 United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week](#) and the [side event](#) on "National and regional counter-terrorism strategies; Insights and Practical Lessons Learned, Including through Strengthening Prevention and PCVE", jointly organised with Finland, Turkmenistan, UNCTED, OSCE and UNOCT on 29 June 2026.

4. Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2023 – 2027)

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the overall state of implementation of the remaining activities under the current Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2023 – 2027).

Following the organisation of the Conference and its outcomes, propose to the CDCT Plenary to reconsider under the next Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy Activity 3.4 (“Preparation of a draft Recommendation on measures for juveniles suspected of involvement in terrorist activities”).

5. New Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the elaboration of the second edition of the Council of Europe Report on Emerging Terrorist Threats and the third Counter-Terrorism Strategy. These two documents are being prepared in parallel by a specialised working group (called CDCT-STT) whose first meeting is scheduled for 8 and 9 October 2026, immediately after the Bureau meeting.

6. Recommendation on non-criminal law measures that may be applied against violent extremist groups and networks whose activities are conducive to terrorism (Activity 1.3 of the Strategy)

Have an exchange of views with the President of the Working Group in charge of producing the above draft Recommendation (CDCT-NCM), Mr Antonios PAPAMATTHAIOU (Greece), and Mr Alexander RITZMANN from the Counter-Extremism Project (CEP) Germany, a non-profit international policy organisation engaged as a consultant, on the results of the last meeting and the content of the draft Recommendation.

Mr Papamatthaiou informed the Bureau of the successful completion of the Working Group’s mission at the last meeting held on 24 and 25 September 2026, when it agreed on the text of the draft Recommendation on non-criminal law measures that may be applied against terrorist and/or violent extremist individuals, groups, networks and phenomena to disrupt activities that are conducive to terrorism. In this context, he underlined the approach of the draft Recommendation, which is to assist member States in acting proactively to prevent terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism by dismantling relevant groups and networks. He also emphasised the follow-up activity envisaged by the draft Recommendation, which could include the development, under the next Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy, of a more practical instrument, such as a collection of comparative practices from member States. CEP’s expert presented the key provisions of the draft Recommendation, as well as examples of possible non-criminal law measures that have been used or could be used in countering terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism and that may inform a future practical instrument.

Consider the draft Recommendation and instruct the Secretariat to distribute it to CDCT delegations and set a deadline for written comments from member States to 6 November 2026 in view of the examination of this text at the 17th Plenary meeting of the CDCT, on 18-20 November 2026.

7. Analysis of trafficking of and illicitly acquiring firearms, including small arms, and explosives by terrorist and violent extremist groups (Activity 1.6 of the Strategy)

Hold an exchange of views with the experts serving on this initiative on behalf of the Flemish Institute for Peace, Ms Annelies PAUWELS and Mr Nils DUQUET, on the draft analysis of the situation concerning trafficking of and (un)lawful acquisition of firearms, including small arms, and explosives by terrorist and violent extremist groups. The draft report raises the question whether previously identified patterns of acquisition of firearms and explosives remain applicable to the contemporary terrorist and violent extremist landscape. It explores acquisition routes and identifies largely overlapping acquisition patterns with those observed among other criminal actors. At the same time, it points to important differences, reflecting the different motivations, profiles and operational needs of terrorists and violent extremists, which may translate into preferences for particular types of weapons and acquisition methods. Addressing policy implications, the draft report emphasizes that efforts to limit terrorist access to firearms and ammunition cannot be treated in isolation from the broader challenge of reducing arms availability for illicit purposes. Since terrorists generally draw on the same pools of weapons that are available to other criminal actors, effective prevention requires a comprehensive approach to arms trafficking and diversion. Gaps in research subsist, however, especially regarding the use of explosives by far-left terrorist and violent extremist groups.

The final version of the draft Analysis, including an executive summary, will be presented at the 17th Plenary meeting of the CDCT with a view towards its adoption.

8. Guidance on the use of e-evidence and open-source information in criminal proceedings for terrorist offences (Activity 2.6 of the Strategy)

Hold an exchange of views with the consultant, Mr David WELLS, on the analysis of the use of AI-generated material for the purposes of criminal prosecutions for terrorist offences, which is the focus of this activity. The consultant summarised the replies received from member States to the questionnaire distributed after the last CDCT Plenary meeting and the results of the interviews conducted with national experts for the purposes of the draft analysis. He presented his conclusions, highlighting the growing misuse of AI by terrorist and violent extremist actors in the Council of Europe region and the impacts that such misuse has on the e-evidence cycle, including challenges for the identification, analysis and interpretation, and reporting of AI-generated e-evidence in the context of prosecutions for terrorist offences. The draft analysis also makes a limited set of recommendations to member States, including to share good practices among them and with multi-lateral organisations, learn from other disciplines (e.g. investigations related to child sexual abuse material (CSAM)), and establish liaison relationships with large AI companies, enabling the flagging of concerning activity and sharing of e-evidence.

9. Analysis of the status and developments regarding foreign terrorist fighters (Activity 2.7 of the Strategy)

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the updated draft report on the status and developments regarding foreign terrorist fighters, taking into account the most recent evolutions impacting the analysis that took place between 1 January and 30 June 2026, especially in Iraq and Syria, and the comments received from delegations. Drawing on reports published by the United Nations and Europol in 2026, as well as on other open-source information, the draft report outlines potential areas of concern.

The revised draft report will be submitted to the CDCT at its 17th Plenary meeting in November with a view towards its adoption.

10. Model Strategy on the whole-of-society approach to disengagement and social reintegration (Activity 3.3 of the Strategy):

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the progress achieved in preparing the draft Model Strategy by the consultant based on the responses to the questionnaire sent to delegations after the last CDCT Plenary meeting in May and ongoing interviews with relevant national experts.

11. Network of Contact Points for victims of terrorism

Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat about the developments since the 9th meeting of the Victim's Network held in Paris on 3 March 2026. The next meeting of the Network is scheduled to take place online on 22 October 2026.

12. Elections

Instruct the Secretariat to send a call for expression of interest in serving as members of the Bureau to CDCT delegations ahead of the elections that will take place at the next Plenary meeting in November.

13. Any other business

N/A

14. Preparation of the 17th Plenary Meeting of the CDCT

Approve the draft agenda and order of business of the 17th Plenary meeting of the CDCT, to be held on 18-20 November 2026, in Strasbourg, starting at 2.00pm.

15. Adoption of the List of decisions

Adopt the List of decisions.