

## PROJECT LAUNCH

# Supporting universalization and Effective Implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT)



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Conference Room 7 ▶ United Nations Headquarters, New York

The launch of the new global project to support the universalization and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) will take place on the margins of the First Committee of the General Assembly in New York. The event will bring together representatives of Member States, the United Nations System and International Organizations to share their efforts on how to achieve this common goal.

The project will be jointly implemented, over a period of 36 months, by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), through its United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and is financially supported by the European Union. It succeeds another similar project – *Promoting Universalization and Effective Implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism* – which has promoted the Convention over the past 4.5 years.

ICSANT was adopted by consensus by the General Assembly in 2005 and currently has 122 States Parties. Universal adherence to this key legal instrument remains an essential goal, as it facilitates international cooperation, including exchange of information on nuclear security threats, prosecution and extradition of suspects.

In December 2022, the General Assembly reiterated its concern about the growing risk of linkages between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction (A/RES/77/75). In particular, the General Assembly recognized that terrorists may seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction, and appealed to all Member States to consider ratification of ICSANT while encouraging States Parties to review their implementation.

### Lunch / refreshment

#### Opening

- **Mr. Vladimir Voronkov**, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)
- **Ms. Ghada Waly**, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – video message
- **Amb. Marjolijn van Deelen**, Special Envoy for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, European Union – video message
- **Amb. Vivian Okeke**, Representative of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office

#### Sharing experiences in promoting the universalization and effective implementation of ICSANT

- Member States

#### Key outcomes of the first EU ICSANT project (2019-2023) and work under the new EU ICSANT project (2023-2026)

- UNOCT and UNODC

#### Closing remarks

- **Mr. Steven Siqueira**, Deputy Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), UNOCT