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Pursuant to paragraph 23 of United Nations General Assembly resolution 78/115 of 7 December 2023, we have the honour to provide information on the measures adopted by the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) to prevent and eliminate international terrorism.

In the CIS member States, work in this area is carried out with due consideration for the leading role of the United Nations and the development of cooperation with other international institutions and specialized bodies.

The regulatory and legal system established in CIS is being steadily improved to take into account the changing operational environment owing to the threats posed by international terrorist organizations.

The Protocol on Amendments to the Agreement between the CIS Member States on Inter-State Tracing of Persons of 10 December 2010, signed by the CIS Council of Heads of State in October 2024, is aimed at further enhancing the effectiveness of cooperation between special services and law enforcement agencies in combating terrorism and other cross-border crime. The amendments were prompted by the need to improve the mechanisms for the exchange of information between the bodies concerned with regard to persons wanted for committing crimes.

The approval in 2024, by the Heads of State, of the programme of cooperation on deradicalization of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States for 2025–2027 was an important step towards strengthening cooperation between the competent authorities to eradicate the causes of and conditions conducive to the emergence and development of radicalism. The programme is primarily aimed at limiting the influence on the population of radical views and concepts that lead to the justification of extremism and its radical forms, and at reforming and resocializing individuals who have been radicalized.

During 2024, recommendations were also adopted to improve the legal regulation of the activities of the border agencies of CIS member states relating to counter-terrorism.

The development and improvement of CIS model legislation is facilitated by the ongoing work of CIS bodies and organizations to develop and agree on draft model laws on countering the use of autonomous and robotic systems for terrorist and extremist purposes and on public security, and draft amendments to the model law on counter-terrorism.

A draft of the next programme of cooperation among the CIS member States on strengthening border security at external borders for the period 2026–2030 has been prepared for signing. The programme includes measures that take into account possible risks of international complications and intensified attempts to move foreign terrorist fighters across the borders of CIS countries.

The draft programme of cooperation among the CIS member States on combating terrorism and extremism for the period 2026–2028 is being agreed upon.

In the course of implementing the programme of cooperation among the CIS member States on combating terrorism and extremism for the period 2023–2025, which was approved by a decision of the CIS Council of Heads of State on 14 October 2022, organizational and practical measures were taken in 2024 for the following purposes:

Prevention, detection and suppression of attempts to enter CIS member States by groups and individuals who have been trained to carry out terrorist and extremist activities or who have taken part in hostilities as part of terrorist groups in third countries;

Prevention, detection and suppression of the activities of terrorist and extremist organizations aimed at preparing and committing terrorist and extremist crimes; recruitment of persons residing in CIS member States for terrorist and extremist activities, including participation in hostilities in third countries as part of terrorist or extremist organizations or illegal armed groups;

Search for and detention and extradition of persons who are on inter-State wanted lists for committing terrorist and extremist crimes, including as part of terrorist or extremist organizations or illegal armed groups in third States and who are in CIS member States;

Detection and blocking of transit routes, including illegal migration channels, in the CIS member States used by members of and persons involved in terrorist and extremist organizations.

These measures continue to be implemented by the security agencies and special services of the CIS member States, and are also carried out as part of coordinated and comprehensive special preventive activities and operations.

For example, during 2024, CIS bodies, in cooperation with the competent authorities of the CIS member States, implemented:

A set of coordinated investigative activities entitled “Tral – anti-terror” and “Identification”;

A set of preventive operations to counter the illegal manufacture of and trafficking in weapons, ammunition, explosives and explosive devices, as well as dual-use products;

The international “Barrier” operation to identify persons involved in the financing of terrorism;

The joint special border operations “West 2024” and “Shekara 2024”.

As a result of this work, 69 wanted persons were detained and 19 were placed in prisons in CIS countries, and 96 persons involved in the financing of terrorism were identified. A total of 388 crimes of a terrorist or extremist nature were suppressed. A total of 590 firearms, 62,364 rounds of ammunition, 382.8 kilograms of explosives and 378 explosive devices were seized from illicit

trafficking.

The CIS Anti-Terrorism Centre coordinated the joint counter-terrorism exercise entitled “East-Anti-terror 2024”, which was conducted by the competent authorities of the CIS member States and under which new objectives were developed for the coordination of inter-State and interdepartmental cooperation to ensure the cybersecurity of critical facilities, counter the financing of terrorism and suppress the cross-border movement of terrorist fighters.

In addition, as part of the “Ashyk-Aspan 2024” joint exercise for airspace protection with the participation of Air Force and air defence specialists of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, joint training sessions were developed on action to be taken by air defence duty officers of CIS member States when they receive information about the seizure (hijacking) of an aircraft.

The first counter-terrorism forum, which combined the second CIS conference on combating terrorism and extremism and the tenth international scientific and practical conference of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, contributed to the improvement of scientific support for counter-terrorism activities. The participants in this high-level event included the leadership of the competent authorities of 20 States members of CIS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, 11 bodies of CIS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, 10 bodies of 6 international organizations, including the United Nations, and 22 research and educational organizations, including the leadership of universities and of competent authorities. The event demonstrated the ongoing process of strengthening Eurasian cooperation and promoted practical cooperation and consolidation of the counter-terrorism efforts of CIS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, creating unified capacity to promote common interests in the international arena.

Systematic efforts continue to be made to develop and populate the specialized databank of the CIS Anti-Terrorism Centre. The information contained in the databank is actively used by the special services of the CIS countries to prevent, detect, suppress and investigate unlawful terrorism-related acts.

Outreach activities have been carried out to ensure counter-terrorism cooperation among the security agencies and special services of the CIS member States. In cooperation with the print and electronic media, the results of joint counter-terrorism activities implemented by the competent authorities of CIS States have been showcased, the ideology of terrorism and extremism has been discredited, and constructive forces in society have been consolidated to comprehensively combat these phenomena.

CIS bodies continue to take measures to prevent and eliminate international terrorist activity.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Independent States

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