

Italy – Annual report on the implementation of the declaration on measure to eliminate international terrorism, annexed to General Assembly Resolution 49/60 of 9 December 1994.

In addition to the information previously provided (see A/76/021, paras 52-53), Italy wishes to underscore its close attention to the risks associated with the radicalization of youth, including tweens, which are increasingly being driven by the online ecosystem. The declining role of “traditional” ideologies in youth radicalization, along with the increasing hybridization of different extremist narratives, are issues that warrant urgent attention. Equally concerning are the compression of radicalization timeframes to just a few weeks, the influence of loose, multi-platform extremist networks, the use of gamification dynamics, and the growing fascination with violence among youth—all of which contribute to making the threat increasingly insidious. Some cases, occurred in Italy in 2024 and 2025, highlight the seriousness of this issue. On 23 October 2024 a fourteen-year-old male was arrested in Italy on charges of subversion and international terrorism, accused of being linked to an Instagram group composed of Daesh supporters and ready to act on national soil. A fifteen-year-old male affiliated was arrested in February 2025 with the same charges. Moreover, in the first half of 2025, the number of minors placed under precautionary measures for offenses related to the dissemination of extremist and violent content online has already matched the total recorded during the entire 2023–2024 period. Italy stands ready to cooperate and encourages all Member States to join efforts in addressing this critical matter.