

*Translated from Russian*

With regard to the annual report of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs on the implementation of the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, the Office of the Procurator General wishes to report the following.

The Republic of Kazakhstan has now become a party to all 19 international counter-terrorism conventions and protocols.

It has concluded 60 bilateral agreements with States in Europe, Asia and the Americas. The United Nations Security Council has adopted 41 resolutions on counter-terrorism, under which Kazakhstan has certain obligations.

In terms of representing the interests of the State in court, the Office of the Procurator General initiates the designation of organizations as extremist or terrorist organizations.

However, procurators file such applications only if there is documented and irrefutable evidence confirming the extremist or terrorist nature of the activities of the organization concerned.

This is in line with international practice.

To date, 24 organizations, including Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and Al-Qaida, have been designated as extremist or terrorist organizations in Kazakhstan, on the basis of applications from procurators.

Their activities are prohibited in the territory of Kazakhstan, and participation in them is a criminal offence.

Systematic work is being done to counter manifestations of terrorism and extremism.

A legal framework has been established. The Counter-Terrorism Act and the Counter-Extremism Act meet all modern democratic requirements. In addition, a balance has been struck between respect for human rights and ensuring State security.

The Acts provide for efforts not only to suppress but, first and foremost, to prevent threats.

To that end, at the initiative of the Office of the Procurator General, a State programme has been under way since 2013 to counter religious extremism and terrorism.

Over the past 10 years, the courts, on the basis of applications from procurators, have designated 1,692 information resources as extremist or terrorist in nature (1,175 as extremist and 517 as terrorist in nature). Their dissemination in the territory of Kazakhstan is also prohibited.

In order to counter extremist and terrorist propaganda on the Internet, at the initiative of the Office of the Procurator General, a cybersurveillance information system has been in operation on a trial basis since 2019. Authorized employees of the Office, national security and internal affairs agencies, and akimats (local authorities) are connected to the system.

The functionality of the information system eliminates repetition, ensuring coordinated work by State authorities on a single online digital platform.

The system automatically checks and displays previously registered and newly discovered

links with illegal content and also maintains statistics on views and reposting of such content.

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