

Translated from Arabic

Subject: Request for information on measures to eliminate international terrorism

Accession to the universal counter-terrorism instruments

The State of Qatar has completed the process of ratifying or acceding to 17 of the 19 universal counter-terrorism instruments and is currently reviewing the remaining two instruments, namely, the Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation (Beijing Convention) and Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, and taking the necessary measures to ratify them.

Legislative, operational and institutional measures to prevent and suppress terrorism and the financing thereof

These measure include:

- The Counter-Terrorism Act (No. 27 of 2019) and the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act (No. 20 of 2019) were enacted, and all substantive and procedural legal rules needed to ensure full conformity with international standards for countering terrorism and the financing thereof have been adopted.
- The National Strategy for Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Preventing the Financing of the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (2020–2025) was adopted by a decision of the Cabinet adopted at its twenty-fifth ordinary meeting of 2022. The relevant national authorities are implementing the strategy's provisions in accordance with action plans that contain detailed implementation procedures and in coordination with the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, the official national body responsible for developing the strategy and following up on its implementation.
- Preventive measures have been heightened through the comprehensive application of a targeted financial sanctions system to prevent the financing of terrorism and the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in accordance with Public Prosecutor decisions Nos. 1 and 59 of 2020.
- The National Counter-Terrorism Committee, National Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Committee, National Arms Embargo Committee, General Customs Authority and the National Committee for Explosives have been designated as the key national entities responsible for cooperation and coordination with regard to assessing risk, developing appropriate policies and implementing countermeasures, in accordance with their respective legal and operational competencies.
- Capacity-building and training activities, including conferences, workshops and training courses on effective methods and good practices for countering terrorism and the financing thereof, have been organized for State agencies responsible for countering terrorism. Some of these activities were organized strictly by the relevant agency, while others were organized jointly with the Qatar Financial Information Unit and the private sector (financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions).

Monitoring and prosecuting incidents linked to international terrorism

Qatar has not recorded any incidents related to international terrorism, and there have been no relevant trials or criminal verdicts.

Integrating gender into counter-terrorism activities

The country's comprehensive National Strategy for Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Preventing the Financing of the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction contains provisions that clearly address gender considerations in the context of countering terrorism, including considerations related to women and gender in efforts to counter violent extremism (sub-goal 2 of the prevention pillar, items 1.4 to 1.9) and in rehabilitation and integration (sub-goals 1, 2 and 3 of the recovery pillar).

The Ministry of Social Development and Family, in coordination with the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, has developed an action plan in order to ensure that the strategy's provisions concerning women and other groups that benefit from social support measures are implemented. The action plan was approved by means of a ministerial decision. The detailed steps that are set out in the action plan are being implemented in accordance with clear and specific timetables, and periodic reports on the progress made in implementing the action plan are submitted to the National Counter-Terrorism Committee.

Qatar notes that penal and correctional institutions do not currently house female inmates convicted of terrorism. Relevant data, should they become available, will be compiled and categorized, and lessons learned will be identified, if necessary.

Qatar reaffirms that women, whether they are citizens or residents, face no obstacles in accessing justice. State institutions strive to facilitate, by all ways and means, the ability of all persons, regardless of their gender, to access justice and exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to litigation.

Qatar ensures that women are employed in all State agencies responsible for countering terrorism, including the judiciary, the prosecution service and law enforcement agencies, and maintains detailed relevant data, including on the number of employees and their rank.
