New York, 26 March 2024 – The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) joined the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact in a signing ceremony attended by principals of both entities. With this latest addition, the Compact, already the largest coordination framework within the UN system, now comprises 47 UN and non-UN entities.

During the ceremony, Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism and Chair of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, welcomed the UN-Habitat in its observer capacity as the 47th Compact entity. “UN-Habitat will add great value to the work of the Counter-Terrorism Compact, particularly in addressing issues related to countering the financing of terrorism and protecting soft targets through strengthening the role of cities and urban development”, he said.

Mr. Michal Mlynár, Assistant Secretary-General and Acting Executive Director of UN-Habitat, said “By joining the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, UN-Habitat reaffirms its commitment to leveraging urban development as a tool for promoting peace, security, and resilience in cities and communities worldwide”. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, UN-Habitat works in over 90 countries to promote transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action.

With its capacity-building activities and close collaboration with civil society organizations and other actors on the ground, UN-Habitat contributes to promoting a more holistic and socially inclusive approach to preventing and countering terrorism.

In this regard, UN-Habitat will participate in four inter-agency Working Groups of the Counter-Terrorism Compact, namely: (i) Criminal Justice, Legal Responses and Countering the Financing of Terrorism; (ii) Resource Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation; (iii) National and Regional Counter-Terrorism Strategies; and (iv) Promoting and Protecting Human Rights and the Rule of Law while Countering Terrorism and Supporting Victims of Terrorism.

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, launched by the Secretary-General in December 2018, is the primary institutional vehicle for coherent and coordinated support to Member States in their implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism serves as the Compact Secretariat.

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