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### UN-Habitat joins the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact

**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 47<sup>th</sup> 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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