Handling Terrorist Content Online: Toward Transparency
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#OnlineContentModeration

This side event is organized by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT) and Tech Against Terrorism (TAT), with the support of the Government of Canada.

In its resolutions 2395 (2017) and 2396 (2017), the Security Council recognizes the development of GIFCT and Tech Against Terrorism and calls for these initiatives to continue their efforts to foster public-private collaboration to disrupt misuse of the Internet for terrorist purposes.

Background

Technology platforms face numerous challenges in regulating terrorist content on their platforms. Technology companies, Governments and international organizations continue to seek ways to address this issue. As technology companies increasingly rely on algorithms and artificial intelligence (AI) to identify and remove content, concerns have been raised about how they define terrorist content and about the perceived lack of meaningful human oversight, transparency and accountability. Similarly, some States rely on Internet Referral Units (IRUs) to refer content based on their domestic legislation or the companies' own terms of service (often with the status of a "trusted flagger's programme"), which may otherwise filter and block some content. Content-moderation policies and practices must protect fundamental freedoms and

GIFCT also hosts a [Transparency Working Group](#), which brings together international, multi-sector stakeholders to strengthen collaboration on how best to approach transparency in the context of tech platforms.

Objectives and structure of side event

The objective of this side event is to reflect on the evolution of the terrorist threat and developments since the previous Review of the Global Strategy and present ongoing actions from Governments, the private sector, civil society and the United Nations to counter misuse of the Internet for terrorist purposes. The focus of the discussions will be multi-stakeholder efforts to promote and improve transparency reporting by all relevant actors.

Agenda

Duration	25 June 2021
	Welcoming remarks by **Assistant Secretary-General Michèle Coninsx, Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**
	Opening remarks by - **Brett Kupicek, Senior Director, Public Safety Canada** - **Representative of Ghana**
	"Taking stock of the evolution of the threats and efforts of Member States, the private sector and the UN in handling terrorist content since the last review of the UN Global CT Strategy" Mr. Marc Porret, ICT Coordinator, CTED **Panel discussion with Q&A,** - Mr. David Reid, Chief Adviser, Christchurch Call Coordination Unit, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, New Zealand - Ms. Erin Saltman, Director of Programming, GIFCT - Mr. Adam Hadley, Executive-Director, Tech Against Terrorism - Dia Kayyali, Associate Director for Advocacy at Mnemonic and co1 202.33 2(