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Launch of the Global Framework for United Nations Support on Syria / Iraq Third Country National Returnees

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Launch of the Global Framework

Thousands of suspected foreign terrorist fighters and hundreds of children and their caregivers have been captured in Syria and Iraq by state armed forces and non-state armed groups and transferred to detention. Additionally, tens of thousands of foreign women, men and children fled or were displaced from areas once controlled by Da'esh. An estimated 30,972 Iraqi and 11,136 foreign women and children from some 60 other countries remain in camps in northeast Syria. Approximately 77 per cent of the children in the camps are under the age of 12 and 33 per cent of those are under the age five.

The protracted humanitarian situation in camps and detention facilities is not sustainable. Living conditions are poor, with the populations suffering from lack of adequate shelter, food, sanitation, education opportunities, healthcare, judicial processes, and prevailing insecurity and violence – all of which have been magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic. Their return is a matter of national and international priority, both from a humanitarian and a security perspective.

To address these imperatives, some Member States have begun to bring their nationals home. In response, the UN has come together to support Member States by developing a Global Framework for UN Support on Syria/Iraq Third Country National Returnees (Global Framework).

The Global Framework has two objectives:

- 1) to respond to and assist the needs of children and adults requiring protection; and
- 2) to support requesting Member States to promote security and address accountability through prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration processes.

The Global Framework also supports the preparedness and resilience of countries of return and communities into which returnees will reintegrate.

The Global Framework enables “all-of-UN” support to Member States on individuals returning from Iraq and Syria, combining human rights-based, age- appropriate and gender-responsive approaches to address the different needs of women, men, girls and boys.

All support is grounded in national legal frameworks and fully compliant with international law, including international human rights, international humanitarian, and international refugee law.

Designed in 2020, the Global Framework is currently being implemented in Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Supporting the Global Framework Multi-Partner Trust Fund

To enable rapid, coherent and coordinated delivery across both the development/recovery and the security/accountability objectives, the Global Framework is supported by a dedicated pooled fund mechanism administered by the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO).

The pooled fund is governed by a Steering Committee co-chaired by representatives of UNOCT and UNICEF and comprised of all members of the Global Framework. In line with best practice, the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) includes a coordination forum for contributing donors.

Funding through the MPTF is channeled through two distinct funding streams – in line with the Global Framework's objectives. One stream is allocated to supporting protection, humanitarian and recovery activities that prioritize children and caregiver-focused interventions, while the other is allocated to supporting accountability and security interventions for returning adults.

The UN calls on Member States and international donors to contribute to the Global Framework MPTF. Contributions are accepted from Member States, regional bodies, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, businesses, foundations, and individuals.

Participating UN Global Framework Entities:



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Agenda

Opening

Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General [recording]

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism

Ms. Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF

Video Screening: The Global Framework in Action

Human Rights & Gender Considerations

Ms. Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Policy, Programme, Civil Society and Intergovernmental Support, UN Women

Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The First Step: Joint Scoping Exercises

Ms. Michèle Coninsx, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate

Implementation of the Global Framework in Iraq and in Central Asia

Video Clip on Implementation of the Global Framework in Iraq and Central Asia

Mr. Qasim Al-Araji, National Security Advisor, Republic of Iraq

Ms. Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano, Deputy Special Representative and UN Resident Coordinator, Republic of Iraq

Republic of Uzbekistan (TBD)

Ms. Helena Fraser, Head of Policy and Programme at the UN Development Coordination Office and Former UN Resident Coordinator, Republic of Uzbekistan

Multi-Partner Trust Fund and Donor Statement

Ms. Jennifer Topping, Executive Coordinator, UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office

European Union (TBD)

Mr. Huib Mijnaerends, International Counter-Terrorism Envoy, Kingdom of the Netherlands

United States of America (TBD)

Interventions from the

Floor Closing Remarks

Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland

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