CTED visits Ukraine

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As part of its ongoing work to monitor the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005), CTED visited Ukraine from 21 to 23 October 2013.

CTED Executive Director Jean-Paul Laborde led the delegation, which also included experts of UNODC, INTERPOL, OSCE, and the Anti-Terrorism Centre of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The delegation met with the Ukrainian authorities to discuss how Ukraine was implementing the provisions of the two resolutions on legal matters and international cooperation, financial law and practice, and security and law enforcement. Throughout the visit, the delegation reiterated the Security Council's position that any counter-terrorism measures should comply with States' obligations under international law, in particular human rights law, humanitarian law, and refugee law.

The Ukrainian authorities also informed the delegation of their efforts to prohibit and prevent incitement, both through law enforcement measures and a comprehensive approach emphasizing dialogue and outreach, in accordance with resolution 1624 (2005).

During their bilateral meeting, Mr. Laborde and the Ukrainian Minister of the Interior, Mr. Vitaliy Zakharchenko, discussed cooperation between law enforcement agencies involved in countering terrorism, both within the country and internationally. Mr. Laborde inquired about the measures taken by Ukrainian law enforcement bodies to effectively combat crime, and the two discussed coordination between among relevant Ministry departments, Ukraine's cooperation with law enforcement agencies in other countries, and the introduction of biometric passports in Ukraine.

"We, more than anyone else, understand the true meaning of the word cooperation and are interested in the exchange of international experience in the sphere of countering terrorism and other related criminal activities," said Mr. Zakharchenko.

The Head of the State Financial Monitoring Service of Ukraine, Mr. Serhiy Hurzhiy, noted that Ukraine was committed to implementing international security standards, including in the area of countering the financing of terrorism.

At the conclusion of the visit, the delegation discussed Ukraine's technical assistance needs, presented a summary of its preliminary recommendations, and pledged to work closely with the Ukrainian authorities and relevant partners to develop a follow-up action plan.