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Launch of the UN Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events, and Promotion of Sport and Its Values as a Tool to PVE and first International Expert Group Meeting. Multisectoral community of experts set up for the preparation of the *UN Guide on the Security of Major Sporting Events: Promoting Sustainable Security & Legacies*.

1 MAR 2020

Presentation of the report on operating procedures and mechanisms to enhance the protection of vulnerable targets in the context of major sporting events to members of the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact for consolidation in view of sharing across national focal points.

15 MAR 2020

E-platform designed to: foster knowledge; support the international community of experts; support capacity-building on major sports events; promote security; and leverage sports' values for PVE.

15 FEB 2020

Creation of five task groups of experts to support drafting the UN Guide, thematically categorised by each subsequent task group as follows:

1. Vision and Strategy
2. Legal and Institutional Frameworks
3. Stakeholders Cooperation
4. The System
5. Deliverables

12 MAR 2020

Drafting started on the *UN Global Guidelines on the Security of Major Sporting Events: Promoting Sustainable Security & Legacies* with a compendium of identified effective policies, practices, initiatives and related guidelines.

31 MAR 2020

Strategy set for campaign on sports' values for PVE through the emotional potential of sports events globally. The campaign will aim at reinforcing sports' positive values, which is directly beneficial to preventing attraction to violent ideologies, hate, and the commitment of atrocities while generating a sense of inclusiveness.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

1. To increase Member States' awareness of terrorism-related threats to vulnerable targets in the context of major sporting events;
2. To increase the ability of Member States to prevent and counter threats against major sporting events;
3. To promote sport and its values to build resilience especially among youth; and
4. To prevent violent extremism



POLITICAL LEADERSHIP



"Sports push people to be better, to aim higher and further. It promotes tolerance and gender equality. It strengthens communities, builds resilience and channels natural competitive instincts in a harmonious way. We therefore have a moral obligation to protect sports and promote them as a powerful means to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism."

Vladimir Voronkov

*Under-Secretary-General, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism
First Expert Group Meeting, February 3, 2020*

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LEVERAGING SPORTS VALUES FOR PVE



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Security Council resolution 2419 (2018) recognize the “growing contribution of sport and culture to the realization of development and peace in the promotion of tolerance and respect,” and the contributions that “sport and culture make to the empowerment of youth and women, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion. ”

Moreover, the General Assembly, in its recent resolution *Sport as an enabler of sustainable development (A/RES/73/24)*, further “Encourages Member States [and] the entities of the United Nations system to advance the consolidation of sport in cross-cutting development and peace strategies and the incorporation of sport and physical education in international, regional and national development and peace policies and programmes...”

Sports have historically played a significant role in the dissemination and teaching of positive values throughout the world, especially for youth. Research has demonstrated that sports both play a positive role in preventing radicalization and facilitating the integration of vulnerable demographics, thus making sports a powerful vector for the development of efforts aimed at preventing and countering violent-extremism and radicalization.

SAFEGUARDING SPORTS EVENTS

The security governance component of the Global Programme recognizes the global need to protect major sporting events as a common good of international community and an opportunity to promote dialogue across nations. It has been designed to achieve the following objectives: analyse, develop and promote advanced policies and practices to enhance the Security of Major Sporting Events; gather, develop and make available international, regional and national guidelines, models and good practices to understand, prevent, identify and counter threats against vulnerable targets in the context of major sporting events; establish a Global network of National Focal Points (NFPs) and International Experts while convening Regional NFPs Fora and expert groups to enhance the exchange of information, best practices and experiences; provide, upon request, capacity building to prevent, protect, mitigate, investigate, respond to and recover from damages from terrorist attacks against “soft” targets in the context of major sporting events.

FIRST EXPERT GROUP MEETING

Following the launch of the UN Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events, and Promotion of Sport and Its Values as a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism, the first International Expert Group Meeting was held on 3 and 4 February 2020 at UN headquarters in New York. Over 160 participants from more than 80 Member States, 17 International Organizations and relevant UN entities were in attendance. Media coverage was substantive with representation by over 50 media outlets in nine languages. Several countries have expressed interest in tabling a General Assembly resolution that would focus on the role of sports as a tool to prevent violent extremism.



UN GLOBAL GUIDELINES ON THE SECURITY OF MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS

I. BACKGROUND

- Strategy and Vision
- Framework and Definitions

II. LEGAL & INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS

III. STAKEHOLDERS COOPERATION

- International Cooperation
- Multi-Sectoral Cooperation

IV. THE SYSTEM

- Human and Material Resources
- Leadership and Structure
- Internal Communication
- Intelligence

V. DELIVERABLES

- Safety Management and the Role of Private Security
- External Communication and Social Media Strategies
- Venue Safety and Security | Non-Venue Security
- Contingency and Emergency Plans
- Post-Event Evaluations

For further information regarding the programme and to be included in future projects, please contact: sportsecuritypve@un.org