

United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

Dear delegates,

Our names are Alessandra Castañeda, Valeria Montoya, Sofía Illades and Gerardo Loyo, and we are going to be your Chair on the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism Committee at SIMUN 2020. We will try our best to make the best experience out of this, so that we can help you acquire knowledge about our topics and so that you can learn how to use your communication skills to find out a solution for the problems that put our future at risk.

We know that this challenge is going to be a little bit difficult but, everything that looks hard may be worth at the end of the day, right? You do not have to worry, the Chair will help you to get through this Committee properly but, as a team, we need to collaborate with each other to make this work as is expected.

We hope that SIMUN also helps you in the long run, not only by being better prepared for college, also by giving you the chance to make a set of like-minded friends. We wish you the best luck, but we also encourage you to maintain a diplomatic posture through the debate. We are building our future and, thankfully for your compromise and intelligence, we will be able to get to an accurate resolution.

We hope you are as excited as we are for being part of this. See you soon.

Sincerely,

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism's Chair.

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Abstract:

Terrorist attacks, especially after the terrorist assault on September 11th, 2001, put at risk international peace and security, so the world took real awareness of the true impact that terrorist attacks could provoke. For that reason, five years later, the United Nations Security Council attended this concern and approved the resolution 1373 for the formation of a Counter-Terrorism Committee.

UNOCT is intended to eradicate international terrorism and to systematically eliminate the so-called terrorist groups and their relationship with different States. Therefore, the United Nations Security Council, to improve the works done by UNOCT, also created the United Nations Global Strategy against Terrorism, founded on four fundamental purposes:

1. To cope with the conditions that propitiate the spread of terrorism;
2. To prevent and combat terrorism;
3. To develop the capacity of Member States to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the United Nations system in this regard;
4. To ensure universal respect for human rights and the rule of law as a fundamental element in the fight against terrorism.

Consequently, the main objective of the UNOCT is to create strategies to reduce global terrorism through specific measures, stated on an Action Plan that is included in the aforementioned Global Strategy and carried out by each Member Nation and by the United Nations Organization itself. Seeking the prevention of terrorism to ensure human dignity and respect for their fundamental rights, UNOCT has the intention to increase the capability of countries to react in a more efficient way in case that an other incident occurs.

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