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Mainstreaming the Prevention of Violent Extremism in the ARF region

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Berlaymont, Rue de la Loi, room Robert Schuman

ARF Workshop jointly organized by the Philippines, Australia and the European Union

AGENDA

Day 1

9:30 Registration of workshop participants

10:00 **Opening of the workshop**

- Mr. Gunnar Wiegand, Managing Director EEAS, EU SOM Leader
- Mr. Paul Foley, Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism, Australia
- Atty Roy Ecrabela, Special Assistant at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines

10:30 **Keynote speech by Gilles de Kerchove, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator**

10:50 **Session I: Prevention of violent extremism in selected ARF states** (focus on youth)

This session will aim at showcasing specific community-focused PVE initiatives, preferably led by the youth. Presenters should highlight good practices and lessons that could be drawn from said initiatives, identifying strengths, weaknesses and areas for further development. The open discussion should aim at gathering comments from the rest of the participants on the presented initiatives, introduce similar ones in their respective countries, and seek for feedback on the main challenges on engaging with the youth on P/CVE efforts, and suggestions on how to overcome them,

Moderation: EU - Jesper Pedersen, Head of Sector, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation, European Commission

Speakers:

- Ms. Thanawan Klumklomchit, UNODC Regional Office, Thailand
- Ms. Arizza Nocum, Kofi Annan's Extremely Together action
- Mr. Thomas Samuel, SEARCCT
- Ms. Sophie Duroy, International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJ), Brussels

11:50 **Discussion**

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Session II: **De-radicalization, rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremists**
(focus on prisons)

This session aims at presenting existing policies and programmes focusing on de-radicalization and rehabilitation of violent extremist offenders in prison settings and how said initiatives interplay with broader prison management efforts, with a view to identifying good practices, lessons learned and the challenges that remain. Other relevant rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives outside prisons can be introduced in this session, too.

Moderation: Australia - Mr. James Nachipo, Director, Counter-Terrorism Asia-Pacific and Multilateral, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Speakers:

- Mr. Eelco Kessels, Global Center on Cooperative Security
- Mr. Jack Burger, Program Manager, Ministry of Justice, NL
- Ms. Michelle Bonto, Camp Bagwang Diwa, Philippines
- Mr. Ramzi Elsayed, Islamic Council of Victoria, Australia

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Session III: **Regional and national implementation of international P/CVE policy frameworks – opportunities and challenges**

This session aims at exploring strategies and efforts being carried out at the regional and national levels towards the implementation of the international P/CVE policy framework, in particular the UNSG PVE PoA and UNSCR 2250, and seeking for views and ideas on how these efforts could be streamlined. Focus should be placed on how to secure a whole-of-society approach, with adequate representation of vulnerable groups at the decision-making level, and on effective means to measure impact of P/CVE-related initiatives.

Moderation: Australia - Ms Anna Sherburn, Director, Countering Violent Extremism Centre, Attorney General's Department, Australia

Speakers:

- Mr. Alexander Zeuv, UNDP CVE
- Mr. Muhammad Sade, Ministry of Home Affairs, Malaysia
- Lieutenant Colonel Erin Whitney or Allison Husman, US Special Operations Command in the Pacific
- Ms Kathryn Porter, Global Affairs Canada

17:00 Discussion

17:30 END

17h45 **Welcome reception** offered by the Philippine co-chair

Day 2

9:30 Session IV: **Successful communication of counter-narratives and combating terrorist propaganda on the Internet**

This session will address the design and implementation of successful counter-narratives and positive narratives initiatives relying on the use of information and communication technology (ICT), focusing on issues like engagement with the youth and the private sector (marketing and social-media companies); ensuring adequate privacy and human rights safeguards; and monitoring and evaluating results.

Moderation: Philippines – Mr. Roque Morales, Commissioner National Commission on Muslim Filipinos

Speakers:

- Mr. Shaukat Warraich, CEO Faiths Associated – Chief Editor Imams online (UK)
- Mr. Dan Chugg, UK Foreign Office
- Mr. Timur Abregov, Senior Prosecutor, Russian General Prosecutor's Office
- Lt Col Stephen Cabanlet, Philippine Navy, "Football for peace"

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Session V: **Panel discussion and Q&A's: Lessons learned and opportunities and challenges for joint future action**

In the previous four sessions, CVE/PVE have been discussed from different angles; prevention of violent extremism and radicalisation, prison deradicalisation, the different policy options for CVE/PVE, the phenomenon of online radicalisation and the development of a counter narrative as a response to this threat have all been extensively discussed. This final session will look at CVE/PVE from a security perspective – with the phenomenon of foreign fighter returnees determined as the main driver of the current terrorist threat in both the EU and the ARF region with the expected demise of ISIL/Da'esh, a proper security response to CVE/PVE should be a priority. The discussions should focus on the challenge of combining the 'soft' approach to CVE/PVE (such as prevention projects, deradicalisation efforts in prisons) with the 'hard' approach (the involvement of the police and intelligence & security services). The results of the panel discussion can be used as input for the evaluation of the ARF CTTC Work Plan 2015-2017, which is up for review this year. The adoption of a joint declaration on CVE/PVE will serve as the formal conclusion to the workshop.

Moderation: EU – Mr. John Gatt-Rutter, Head of the EEAS Counter-Terrorism Division

Speakers:

- Mr. Gilles de Kerchove, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator
- Ms Anna Sherburn, Director, Countering Violent Extremism Centre, Attorney General's Department, Australia
- Mr. Roque Morales, Commissioner National Commission on Muslim Filipinos

13:00 Lunch

14:30 **End of the lunch and workshop**



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