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9:00–10:30	High-Level Opening Session
	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)
	<p>Keynote Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan (10 min) • His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General (video message) (3 min)
	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (6 min) • His Excellency Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (6 min) • His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Norov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan (6 min) • His Excellency Mr. Vepa Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan (6 min) • His Excellency Dr. Mutlaq Majed Al-Qahtani, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Counterterrorism and Mediation for Settlement of Disputes, State of Qatar (6 min) • Her Excellency Helga Schmid, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), (video message) (3 min) • Her Excellency Alena Kupchyna, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (3 min) • His Excellency Mr. Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice President for the European Commission (video message) (3 min) • Her Excellency Ms. Terhi Hakala, European Union Special Representative for Central Asia (3 min) • His Excellency Mr. Waleed Abdulrahman Al Reshaidan, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of Tajikistan (6 min) • Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (video message) (3 min) • Mr. Masood Karimipour, Chief of Terrorism Prevention Branch, UNODC (3 min) • Ms. Natalia Gherman, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Central Asia and Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (6 min)

	<p>Heads of Delegation Session</p>
	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Mr. Sirojiddin Muhridin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan (3 min) • Mr. Du Hangwei, Deputy Minister of Public Security, China (video message) • His Excellency Mr. Praveen Vashista, Additional Secretary (Counter Terrorism & Counter Radicalization Division), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India • His Excellency Mr. Hamad Almashaan, Assistant Foreign Minister for Development and International Cooperation Affairs, State of Kuwait • His Excellency Dr. Ali Al Nuaimi, Chair, Hedayah • His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Tarabrin, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for international anti-terrorist cooperation, Director of the Department on the Issues of New Challenges and Threats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation • His Excellency Mr. Salem Al Zaabi, Director of International Security Cooperation’s Department, UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFAIC) • Ms. Vilma Thomas Ramirez, Director of Multilateral Political Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba • His Excellency Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Spain to the United Nations • His Excellency Mr. Mitch Fifield, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations in New York • Mr. Christopher A. Landberg, Acting Principal Deputy Coordinator, US Bureau of Counterterrorism • Mr. Alexandre Zouev, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peace Operations • His Excellency Mr. Ung Eang, Vice President of Secretariat of National Counter-Terrorism Committee, Kingdom of Cambodia • Mr. Stanislav Zas, Secretary General, Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) • Mr. Zhang Ming, Secretary-General, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) • Mr. Beketzhan Zhumakhanov, Deputy Chair of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) • His Excellency Mr. Imran Haider, Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Tajikistan
<p>11:30 -12:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
	<p>THEMATIC SESSION I: Regional Border Security Challenges: Identifying Threats, Risks and Avenues for Improvement</p>
	<p>Co-Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Raffi Gregorian, Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General and Director, UNOCT (5 min) • Her Excellency Ms. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations (5 min)

	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her Excellency Ms. Terhi Hakala, European Union Special Representative for Central Asia (6 min) • Mr. Ilaman Ilamanov, Deputy Chairman of the State Border Service of Turkmenistan (6 min) • Mr. Christopher A. Landberg, Acting Principal Deputy Coordinator, US Bureau of Counterterrorism (6 min) • Mr. Paddy Ginn, Senior Adviser, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) (6 min) • Mr. Pavel Tikhonov, Deputy Head, Major General, Anti-Terrorism Center, Commonwealth of Independent States (ATC CIS) (6 min) • Ms. Ashita Mittal, Regional Representative to Central Asia, UNODC (6 min) • Mr. Talgat Ashetov, Expert of the ISIL (Da'esh)/Al-Qaida Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, United Nations Security Council (6 min) <p>Interventions from the Floor</p> <p>Registered participants as inscribed on the speakers' list</p>
	<p>Key issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session will focus on an analysis of the current regional border security challenges in Central Asia and beyond, including the identification of threats and risks in the management of borders in the context of countering terrorism. Attention will be paid to key challenges at the national and regional level and how to, inter alia, strengthen effective information sharing among law enforcement and border management stakeholders consistent with domestic and international law. • The session will also include a discussion of potential linkages between transnational organized crime and terrorism and presentation of related instruments to address and counter them. • It will examine current trends in terrorist movements across borders and how these trends influence the threat landscape in different regions. • Participants will also look at the current trends of illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons, conventional ammunition and explosives, and nuclear, chemical, biological, or radiological weapons and materials and potential linkages with terrorist organizations.
<p>13:30-14:30</p>	<p>Lunch Break (for Heads of Delegations – 1st floor Building B; for other delegates – Tea House “Saodat”; Media – Hotel “Avesto”)</p>
<p>13:30-14:30</p>	<p>Side Event I: “The Role of National Border Management Strategies in the Counter-Terrorism Context” (UNOCT, OSCE, EU, BOMCA)</p>
<p>14:30-16:30</p>	<p>Thematic Session II: The Phenomenon of FTFs and Its Implications for the Central Asian Region and Beyond and Addressing Related Border Security Funding Needs through the Support of the International Community</p>

	<p>Co-Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rahmon Yusuf Ahmadzod, General Prosecutor of the Republic of Tajikistan (5 min) • Mr. Muhammad Rafiuddin Shah, Chief of the Policy, Knowledge Management and Coordination Branch, UNOCT (5 min)
	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ruslan Mirzaev, Director of the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (RATS SCO) (6 min) • His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Tarabrin, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for International Anti-terrorist Cooperation, Director of the Department on the Issues of New Challenges and Threats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (6 min) • Mr. Weixiong Chen, Acting Executive Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) (6 min) • His Excellency Mr. Imran Haider, Ambassador of Pakistan to Tajikistan (6 min) • Ms. Oguljeren Niyazberdiyeva, Chief, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (6 min) • Mr. Masood Karimipour, Chief of Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (6 min) • Ms. Rokeya Kabir, Executive Director, “Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha” civil society organization (6 min) • Mr. Rajabzoda Nasimjon, First Deputy Commander of the Border Troops, State Committee for National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan (6 min) <p>Interventions from the Floor</p> <p>Registered participants as inscribed on the speakers’ list</p> <p>Key issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session will examine current trends in the movement of FTFs and how to strengthen international and regional cooperation to counter FTF flows in line with international human rights law and international humanitarian and refugee law, including through a gender and age perspective. It will also address the border security needs of the Central Asian States and how to leverage increased international support, including funding, to meet those needs. • Are existing instruments sufficient to identify and effectively prevent the movement of FTFs? What can Member States, international and regional organizations, UN entities, and other stakeholders do to strengthen existing mechanisms and/or establish new ones, as appropriate? • How can stakeholders promote and enhance the exchange of operational information regarding detection or movements of terrorists or terrorist networks, including FTFs with full respect for human rights? • How can stakeholders ensure that relevant measures and instruments are implemented in compliance with human rights and in an age-and gender sensitive manner?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the effective operational measures at the border for countering and preventing the travel of FTFs? • What are international good practices and policies to build inter-agency cooperation, as well as effective investigative techniques and prosecutorial strategies in accordance with domestic and international law? • What are the current border security challenges confronting the Central Asian States and its implications on the threat landscape? • Are the current border security funding needs of Central Asian States being adequately resourced? What are the gaps? • How can the international community, including donor partners, better support these States in meeting their needs through the mobilization of additional resources?
16:30-17:30	Briefing on UNODC Integrated Border Management and Countering Terrorism Portfolio in Central Asia
18:30	Official Reception for Heads of Delegations to be hosted by His Excellency, Sirojiddin Muhriddin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan (Kokhi Nauruz (1st floor) – by invitation only)

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08:00-09:00	Side Event II: “Applying Behavioural Techniques for Securing Borders” (BI Hub, Doha, UNOCT)
08:00-09:00	Side Event III: “Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Central Asia – How the United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism Facilitates Coordinated United Nations Action” (UN Entities)
09:00 – 11:00	Thematic Session III: Towards Effective Rule of Law Based Border Security Management Strategies and Whole-of-Society Solutions
	<p>Co-Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Eldor Aripov, First Deputy Secretary of the Security Council under the President of Uzbekistan (5 min) • Ms. Sezin Sinanoglu, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan (5 min)
	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tea Jaliashvili, Acting Head of Mission, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (6 min) • Mr. Khushvakht Kishvarsho Sulton, Deputy Commander of the Border Troops, State Committee for National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan (6 min) • His Excellency Mr. Mitch Fifield, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations in New York (6 min) • Mr. Rocco Messina, Chief of Unit, Border Security Management, UNOCT (6 min) • Ms. Ivanka Spadina, Senior Immigration and Border Management Program Coordinator, International Organization for Migration (IOM) (6 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Giorgi Beridze, Coordinator of the EU-funded Project Law Enforcement in Central Asia (LEICA) (6 min) • Mr. Mulugeta Zewdie, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative in Tajikistan (6 min) <p>Interventions from the Floor</p> <p>Registered participants as inscribed on the speakers' list</p> <p>Key Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main features of effective, rule of law based and human rights-compliant counter-terrorism border security policies? Are there good examples of border management strategies which are aimed at preventing the movement of terrorists, including FTFs? • What are the existing technical assistance and capacity-building initiatives to supporting national stakeholders in implementing a whole-of-society approach? • How are Member States implementing the requirement to develop comprehensive and integrated national strategies to ensure an effective and holistic rule of law-based and human rights-compliant approach in countering terrorism in BSM? Are there good examples of effective border management strategies to prevent the movement of FTFs? • This session will also place emphasis on how to ensure gender-sensitive, human rights-compliant policies, humanitarian responsiveness, and how to improve engagement with civil society in BSM.
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Thematic Session IV: Strengthening Regional and International Cooperation on Border Security and Management in the Counter-Terrorism Context: The Way Forward</p> <p>Co-Moderators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Spain to the United Nations (5 min) • Her Excellency Alena Kupchyna, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (5 min) <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Mr. Rahimzoda Ramazon Hamro, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan (6 min) • Mr. Lenni Montiel, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Regional Representative for Tajikistan (6 min) • Ms. Christine Bradley, Chief, Countering Terrorist Travel Section, Special Projects and Innovation Branch, UNOCT (6 min) • Dr. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, Professor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (France) (6 min) • Colonel Maris Domins, Regional Manager of EU-funded Border Management Programme in Central Asia (BOMCA) (6 min)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Aziza Hamidova, Country Programme Manager, UN Women Programme Office in Tajikistan (6 min) <p>Interventions from the Floor</p> <p>Registered participants as inscribed on the speakers' list</p> <p>Key Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned from BSM capacity-building policies and programmes implemented at the national, regional, and global levels. • Responsible use of biometrics – its value for BSM in a demanding post-COVID-19 travel environment – balancing identity verification with effective data protection, rule of law and human rights, in particular the right to privacy. • Innovative measures and tools such as API/PNR, AI, and other cutting-edge examples for early detection, information exchange and countering the threat of terrorists and serious criminals – legal, technical, and operational aspects. • Best practices for enhancing cross-border cooperation, including through the establishment of regional informal working groups on API/PNR.
	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Co-Chairs and Concluding Remarks and Adoption of the Dushanbe Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His Excellency Mr. Sirojiddin Muhridin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan (10 min) • Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) (10 min)
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14:00	Lunch Break (for Heads of Delegations – 1st floor Building B; for other delegates – Tea House “Saodat”; Media – Hotel “Avesto”)

On 17 October at 17:00 hrs, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan will hold an art exhibition hosted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Culture. This will be followed by a reception for Conference participants in the Botanical Garden “Bogi Iram”.

On 18 October at 8:50 hrs there will be a photo shoot organized for Heads of Delegations.

On 20 October the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan will host a set of cultural activities/visits to historical sites for interested Conference participants.