

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Government of the Republic of Botswana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today signifying partnership under the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel (CT Travel) Programme.

The agreement will allow the United Nations to help the country enhance its capabilities to detect the travel of terrorists and serious criminals by collecting and analyzing advance passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR) data, in compliance with relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, international standards and human rights principles. The Republic of Botswana is one of 42 beneficiary Member States that have joined the CT Travel Programme since its launch in May 2019.

The signing of the MoU took place during a virtual ceremony between the Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations, H.E. Ambassador Mr. Collen V. Kelapile.

"Today's Memorandum of Understanding is a symbol of the solid partnership and mutual commitment between the Republic of Botswana and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism within the framework of the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme, to enhance Botswana's capabilities to detect and interdict

Building stronger partnerships to support Member States' efforts to prevent and counter terrorism is one of the top priorities of UNOCT.