

**Statement by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the
United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism**

Thirteenth

-General on the threat posed by ISIL

I would like to echo the Secretary-
week to use all tools at its disposal to prevent Afghanistan from being used as a platform or
safe haven for terrorism. Let us remember in this regard that several members of the
Taliban remain designated terrorists according

shape the future terrorist threat landscape over the medium to long term, not just locally but globally.

The conditions in detention facilities and displacement camps in northeast Syria have further deteriorated, especially in Al-Hawl camp. Several instances of escapes, terrorist radicalization, fund-raising, arms-smuggling, training and incitement continue to be reported, as well as killings and enforced disappearances.

Thousands of children caught in this limbo through no fault of their own continue to have their rights

affiliate in [redacted] has killed several hundred civilians since the beginning of the year in large-scale attacks in Mali, Burkina Faso and the Niger. Its so-called [redacted] West Africa [redacted] will likely gain from the weakening of Boko Haram. The situation in the wider region could be aggravated by the relocation of terrorists and other foreign fighters from Libya.

The expansion of [redacted], and especially in northern Mozambique, could have far-reaching implications for peace and security in the region and need to be addressed through a coherent, regional approach as a matter of priority. [redacted] affiliates may seek to exploit intercommunal disputes and illicit trafficking activities.

In Europe, [redacted] has continued to be suppressed by pandemic-related restrictions. The threat of terrorist attacks by lone actors radicalized and incited online, especially vulnerable youth, remains the primary concern along with terrorist radicalization in prison.

Mr. President,

Assistant Secretary-General Coninx will brief you shortly on the support provided over the past months by the United Nations system to Member States in addressing the threat

My Office has continued to work closely with all our partners to ensure business continuity during the pandemic and advance the implementation of our global programmes and projects tailored to address the needs of Member States.

These efforts are supported through our presence in the field, as requested by Member States, including our Programme Office for Counter-Terrorism and Training in Rabat and the Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Doha, which we launched in June in partnership with Morocco and Qatar respectively.

I would like to briefly highlight a few examples:

