



The opening session was also attended by United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Central Asia and Head of the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA), Ms. Natalia Gherman; Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Mr. Zhang Ming (virtually), Coordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE, Ms. Alena Kupchyna, Chair of the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to UNSCR 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism Mr. T.S. Tirumurti (virtually), as well as the heads of the delegations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Held in a hybrid format, the Tashkent Conference gathered senior officials from Central Asia, South Asia, and the EU, as well as representatives of other international and regional organizations and civil society organizations, and leading experts from national and foreign think tanks. Over 250 participants attended the meeting in-person.

This conference provided an opportunity to learn more about the implementation of the UN GCTS in Central Asia. The two outcome documents of the conference included the Tashkent Declaration and endorsement of the updated JPoA, in which the countries of Central Asia reaffirmed their commitment to the joint fight against terrorism.

- visit the conference website: <https://gcts-ca.uz/en>;
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- review background materials such as the concept note, draft program and information for attendees posted on the conference website.