

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Like all of you, we have been forced to innovate and adapt our working methods to deal with the challenges imposed by the pandemic and ensure the delivery of our Security Council mandate.

We have therefore adopted a hybrid visit model, according to which we conduct an initial virtual component of the country assessment visit, to be followed by a physical component, when circumstances allow.

I shall briefly outline three challenges identified during our recent hybrid visits, which should be addressed through strong partnerships between counter-terrorism bodies and parliamentary assemblies.

◁ The first challenge is data protection and information-sharing, with respect to collecting, using and sharing biometric data; passenger data, financial intelligence; and data collected through the use of special investigative techniques.

Although there has been considerable technological progress in this area, many States have yet to develop the laws and policies required to ensure that these new tools are used effectively, appropriately, and responsibly.

Parliaments could play a significant role in ensuring that these new tools are employed in a manner that is compliant with the rule of law.

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