



The side event was held today as part of the Second Counter-Terrorism Week at the United Nations. The event was co-organized by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in collaboration with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and with the support of the Permanent Mission of Japan and the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The event presented an array of UN research initiatives in the area of artificial intelligence (AI) and counter-terrorism and formally launched two reports developed by UNOCT/UNCCT and UNICRI, entitled “*Artificial Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism: A Risk-Benefit Analysis*” and “*Artificial Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism: A Risk-Benefit Analysis*”.

It also provided updates on preliminary findings of research led by OHCHR together with UNOCT/UNCCT and UNICRI on the “*Artificial Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism: A Risk-Benefit Analysis*”.

The virtual event was attended by representatives from Member States, international and regional organizations, the private sector, academia, civil society organizations and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities. It featured discussions on some of the nuances of the risk-benefit duality of AI from a counter-terrorism perspective. The discussion was contextualized in light of the European Commission’s legislative initiative on Laying Down Harmonized Rules on Artificial Intelligence – the first proposed legal framework on AI.

During the welcoming remarks, Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vladimir Voronkov highlighted that

*“regulations and governance hinder Member States’*

*invasive monitoring of citizens that lead to human rights concerns.”*

Ms. Antonia Marie De Meo, Director of UNICRI stressed that “*Artificial intelligence has now entered*

*them together.”*

Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights “