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## **CTED Launches** **the Response** **to Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters**

**New York, 27 February 2019** – Today, the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) launched its third Trends Report, “[The Gender Dimensions of the Response to Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters](#).” The report - which primarily draws on the work of academia and think tanks, particularly members of CTED’s Global Research Network (GRN) - seeks to provide counter-terrorism policy makers, practitioners, and experts with an analysis of the latest research into some of the challenges presented by the gender dimensions of the foreign terrorist fighter (FTF) phenomenon. The report presents the latest research findings on (1) the numbers and demographics of women who travel to, return from, and remain in the conflict zone of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic; (2) the drivers of female radicalization; (3) gendered narratives used by terrorists; and (4) implications for counter-measures.

The report was prepared by CTED in accordance with Security Council resolution 2395 (2017), which reaffirms the essential role of CTED within the United Counter

## ***Background***

Established by the Security Council, the **Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED)** is a Special Political Mission of the United Nations, tasked with assisting the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee in monitoring the effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. CTED conducts on site country assessments visits with Member States' approval to identify progress made and remaining challenges in addressing threats posed by terrorists to international peace and security. The findings of the assessment visit