



## Targeting the de-materialised “Caliphate” Extremism, radicalisation and illegal trafficking

*High-Level Conference*

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**Rome, the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2018**

Venue: *Centro Congressi Roma Eventi - Piazza di Spagna, Via Alibert, 5/a, Rome*

13,30-14,30 Registration and welcome coffee

14,30-15,00 Welcome remarks

- ❑ **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome \*
- ❑ **Thierry Tardy**, Director, Research Division, NATO Defense College, Rome

Opening remarks

**Ahmet O. Evin**, Professor Emeritus, Sabanci University, Turkey \*

15,00-16,15

### SESSION 1

#### STRATEGIES AGAINST THE EVOLVING ARMED RADICALISM

*The Islamic State has been destroyed, but terrorism is still a distinctive feature from the deep Sabel belt to the Levant and the Gulf area. What can counterterrorism achieve? How can governments of this wide region and NATO better co-operate?*

Chair: **Liess Boukra**, Managing Director, Institut National d'Études de Stratégie Globale, Algiers\*

- ❑ **Sian Hutchinson**, Programme Management Officer, the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office, New York \*
- ❑ **Peter Neumann**, Director, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King's College, London \*
- ❑ **Oded Eran**, Senior Researcher, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv \*

**General discussion**

16,15 - 16,30 Coffee break

16,30-17,45

## SESSION 2

### TERRORIST FUNDING: A LYNCHPIN BETWEEN EXTREMISM AND ARMED OPERATIONS

*One of the most elusive but rewarding targets in the fight against violent extremism and terrorism is the flow of money that is needed to carry out both propaganda, specific armed attacks and infiltration in the territories. Jihadist groups in transition from a territorial organisation towards loose networks need more than ever reliable financing networks. How can anti-trafficking instruments and the fight against grey money transfers be more effective?*

Chair: **Mahmoud Karem**, Professor, British University and former Ambassador to NATO and the EU and Commissioner Human Rights Council, Cairo \*

- ❑ **Louise Shelley**, Director, Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, Fairfax \*
- ❑ **Ernesto Savona**, Director, Transcrime, Università Cattolica, Milan \*
- ❑ **Matthew Levitt**, Director, Reinhard Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, Washington Institute, Washington D.C. \*

#### General discussion

17,45-18,00 Coffee break

18,00 - 19,15

## SESSION 3

### THE OPERATIONAL INTEGRATION OF COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM TOOLS

*Violent extremism begins as a low level, localised social and political problem before catching media and political attention, when it is too late. The programmes of referral and de-radicalisation are a specific and effective targeted interdiction tool are because they can be employed in a very cost effective way as preventive and mopping up actions in the fight for heart and minds. The panel broaches how integrating antiterrorism into the countering of violent extremism.*

Chair: **Ahmad Masa'deh**, former Secretary General, the Union for the Mediterranean, Amman \*

- ❑ **Anne Giudicelli**, President and founder, TERR(o)RISC, Paris \*
- ❑ **Alessandra Roccasalvo**, Deputy Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme, Pristina \*
- ❑ **Magnus Ranstorp**, Research Director, Centre for Asymmetric Threat Studies, Swedish National Defence University, Stockholm \*

#### General discussion

### END OF THE WORKING DAY

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