



## Watchlisting Assistance and Support Program



This program enhances a partner nation's capabilities to combat terrorist travel through secure borders in compliance with UNSCR 2396.

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Counterterrorism administers this program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program.

### Overview

Through the creation of an interagency watchlisting enterprise built around a single, national-level terrorist watchlist, this program enhances national security through improved identification, screening, tracking and interdiction of terrorists. It builds human and technical capacity to advance national security interests in:



#### **Border Screening**

Improve quality of data and interoperability of screening systems



#### **Law Enforcement**

Develop and enhance information supporting investigations



#### **Information Sharing**

Improve information collection and sharing for analysis & threat assessments



#### **UNSCR 2396**

Assist in implementing UN security obligations & best practices

## How Watchlisting Assistance and Support Helps

A U.S. Subject Matter Expert will be assigned to work in country with host government to advise and mentor the development and implementation of a package of customized assistance which may include:

- Design an **individually tailored plan** in partnership with the host country to address specific needs and challenges, capitalizing on universal Watchlisting best practices.
- Guide establishment of a **National Interagency Watchlisting Working Group** in order to develop necessary legal, regulatory and procedural frameworks.
- Advise on the development of a **national-level watchlist database and requisite connectivity** that consolidates domestic watchlisting information and incorporates it into screening systems.
- Ensure **interoperability with existing domestic or international screening systems and tools** or advise on procurement and implementation of new screening tools and/or systems.
- Integrate **passenger traveler data and/or biometrics** into the watchlisting process.
- Assist in drafting and implementing interagency approved **national-level Standard Operating Procedures** to addresses roles and responsibilities of all host country national security agencies and coordination of screening systems and processes.
- Develop and facilitate watchlisting **training and exercises**.
- Assist in development, design and obtaining a **server on which to store its centralized national level watchlist database**.

# Watchlist Enterprise: An Integrated Government Approach



## Meeting Member States Obligations Under United Nations Security Council Resolution 2396

The Watchlisting Assistance and Support Program enhances Member States' capacity to implement the following measures in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2396:

- Take specific action in regard to terrorism and recognize the increasing threat posed by Foreign Terrorist Fighters.
- Develop watchlists or databases of known and suspected terrorists, including Foreign Terrorist Fighters.
- Develop and implement systems to collect biometric data.
- Require airlines operating in their territories to provide Advance Passenger Information to the appropriate national authorities and to develop the capability to collect, process, and analyze Passenger Name Record data.
- Share information among domestic law enforcement, intelligence, and counterterrorism agencies and among Member States.

