



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM



Prevention of Intellectual Radicalization Policy

International Organization for Counter-Terrorism (IOCT)

Article (1): Purpose

This Policy aims to prevent intellectual radicalization and violent extremism by addressing their root causes, promoting critical awareness, building societal intellectual resilience, and fostering a culture of tolerance, coexistence, and respect for diversity, in accordance with human rights and the rule of law.

Article (2): Scope of Application

This Policy applies to:

- The Board of Trustees
- The Secretariat
- Committee members
- Employees and contractors
- Experts and trainers
- Volunteers
- Partners and collaborators when representing the Organization

Article (3): Definitions

For the purposes of this Policy:

- **Intellectual Radicalization:** A system of rigid or exclusionary ideas that promote intolerance, incitement, or rejection of others and may lead to the justification of violence.
- **Intellectual Prevention:** A set of educational, awareness-raising, cultural, and media-based interventions aimed at preventing the formation or spread of radical ideas.

Article (4): Governing Principles

The Organization is committed to the following principles:

1. Prevention before response.
2. Respect for human rights and human dignity.
3. Non-stigmatization, non-discrimination, and rejection of generalization.
4. Neutrality and institutional independence.
5. Evidence-based and knowledge-driven approaches.





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Article (5): Adopted Approach

The Organization adopts a comprehensive and integrated approach to intellectual prevention that includes:

1. Education, awareness, and the promotion of critical thinking.
2. Community dialogue and the strengthening of citizenship and coexistence values.
3. Addressing social, economic, and cultural factors contributing to radicalization.
4. Empowering groups most vulnerable to recruitment, particularly youth.

Article (6): Areas of Intervention

Preventive interventions may include, but are not limited to:

1. Community awareness programs.
2. Training and capacity-building for educators, media professionals, and community leaders.
3. Youth, cultural, and civic initiatives.
4. Countering extremist propaganda and hate speech, particularly in digital spaces.
5. Supporting responsible and ethical media.

Article (7): Training and Awareness Programs

The Organization commits to:

1. Designing training programs based on recognized scientific methodologies.
2. Taking into account the cultural and social context of target communities.
3. Avoiding any security, military, or inciting content.
4. Periodically evaluating the impact of programs.

Article (8): Research and Monitoring

The Organization shall:

1. Support research and studies on pathways and drivers of radicalization.
2. Monitor and analyze extremist intellectual trends using scientific methods.
3. Develop non-binding, evidence-based preventive recommendations.





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Article (9): Partnerships and Cooperation

Intellectual prevention programs shall be implemented through:

1. Cooperation with civil society organizations and educational institutions.
2. Partnerships with research centers and academic institutions.
3. Coordination with professional media and cultural entities.

All partnerships must comply with human rights principles and neutrality.

Article (10): Protection of Target Groups

The Organization commits to ensuring:

1. The dignity and privacy of participants in prevention programs.
2. That no group is subjected to stigmatization or targeting.
3. The application of the “Do No Harm” principle in all interventions.

Article (11): Institutional Responsibilities

- The **Board of Trustees** shall exercise overall oversight of this Policy.
- The **Secretariat** shall be responsible for implementation and integration into programs and projects.
- Relevant committees shall apply this Policy within their respective mandates.

Article (12): Breach of Policy

Any violation of this Policy shall be considered a serious breach and shall be subject to disciplinary and accountability measures in accordance with the Organization’s applicable policies.

Article (13): Entry into Force and Review

1. This Policy shall enter into force upon approval by the Board of Trustees.
2. It shall be reviewed periodically every three (3) years or as necessary.

