

**Information provided by the Government of North Macedonia on the questions raised by the  
mandate  
of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental  
freedoms while countering terrorism**

The Republic of North Macedonia, as a UN member state, remains committed to democracy, the rule of law, respect for human rights within the international community. In 2021, the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, has successfully finished the process of repatriation of the foreign terrorist fighters (FTF's) and their families from Syria and Iraq. This has been done in accordance with its obligations under international law, including international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international standards and relevant resolutions from the UN Security Council, as well as in accordance with the Macedonian National Plan for Reintegration, Re-socialization and Rehabilitation of returnees from the foreign armies and members of their families (NPRRR). During the process of repatriation of the returnees and their families, the Ombudsman was also informed.

The process of reintegration, re-socialization and rehabilitation for all returnees and their families is performed on a voluntary basis. Relevant institutions are responsible for the process of re-socialization and reintegration of the foreign terrorist fighters in the communities and society upon serving their respective prison sentences. This is conducted in accordance with human rights as stipulated in the national legislation. Also, the civil society sector is actively involved in the whole process.

The whole process of the treatment of the foreign terrorist fighters and the members of their families is a comprehensive one, which includes criminal-legal processing, institutional and non-institutional psychosocial treatment for rehabilitation and resocialization, reduction of security risks as well as their full reintegration into communities and society, as a whole.

Within the process of reintegration, re-socialization and rehabilitation, the position of the children remains of at most importance as seen in the international human rights and humanitarian law. As such, returnee children should be provided with adequate support to assist their recovery and reintegration, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As a NATO and member of the Global Coalition for Countering Terrorism, the Republic of North Macedonia in cooperation with the United States of America is dedicated towards pursuing the highest standards in the countering violent extremism and countering terrorism.

The Republic of North Macedonia remains consistent in its commitment to respect human rights and counter terrorism, in order to effectively deal with global challenges and threats both to international peace and security.