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Challenges & Opportunities for Border Security - International Cooperation in Efforts to Counter Terrorism

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Global Counter-Terrorism Architecture

Core UN Counter-Terrorism Bodies



UN Security Council

Analysis & Needs Assessment

CounterTerrorism Committee Executive Directorate

Sanctions Committees

1540 Committee (Non-Proliferation)

UN General Assembly

Policy Coordination & Coherence

Capacity Building

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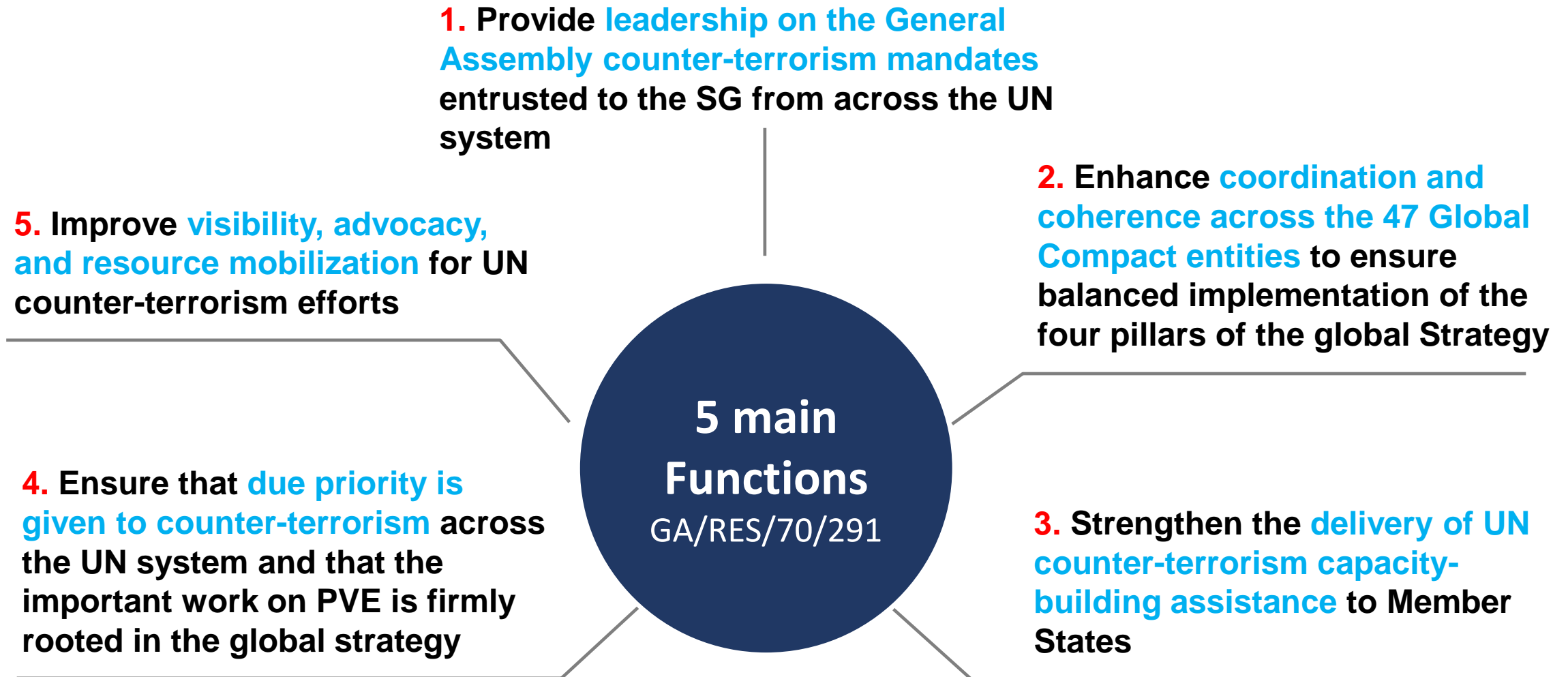
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Global CT Compact

UNODC/Terrorism Prevention Branch



UNOCT - Mandate

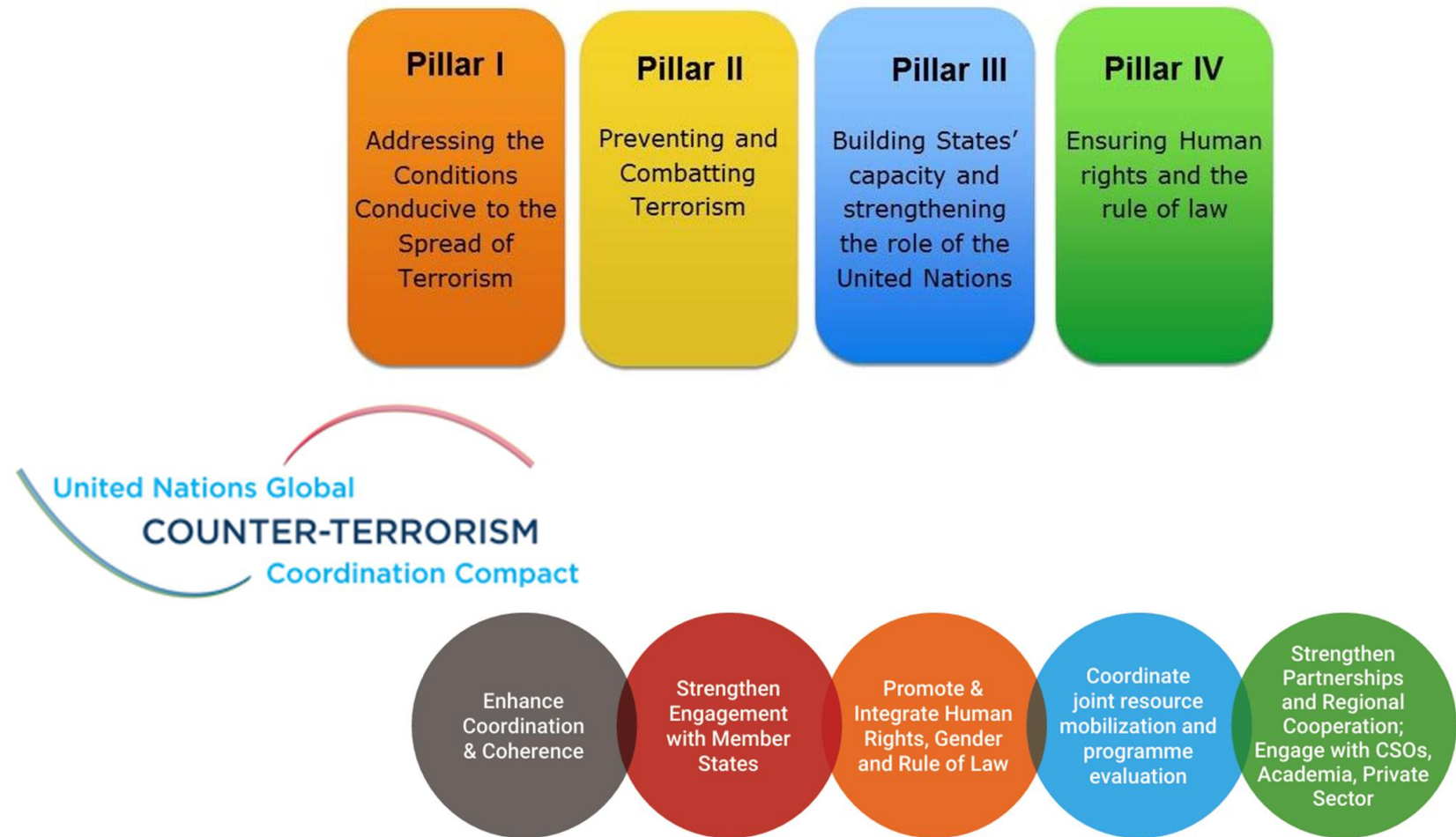


Global Counter-Terrorism Architecture

Core UN Counter-Terrorism Instruments



UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy



Global Counter-Terrorism Framework - Border Security

- **Pillar II: Global Counter Terrorism Strategy:**

*“step up national efforts and bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation, as appropriate, to **improve border and customs controls** in order to prevent and detect the movement of terrorists...” AND “continue to work within the United Nations system to support the reform and **modernization of border management systems, facilities and institutions at the national, regional and international levels” (Pillar II, para. 13)***

- **UN Security Council Resolutions**

- 1373 (2001)
- 1624 (2005)
- 2178 (2014)
- 2396 (2017)

- **Madrid Guiding Principles (2015) & Addendum (2018)**

- Operational measures related to Border security & info sharing



Strategic Importance - Border Security & Management

Convergence of border security with:

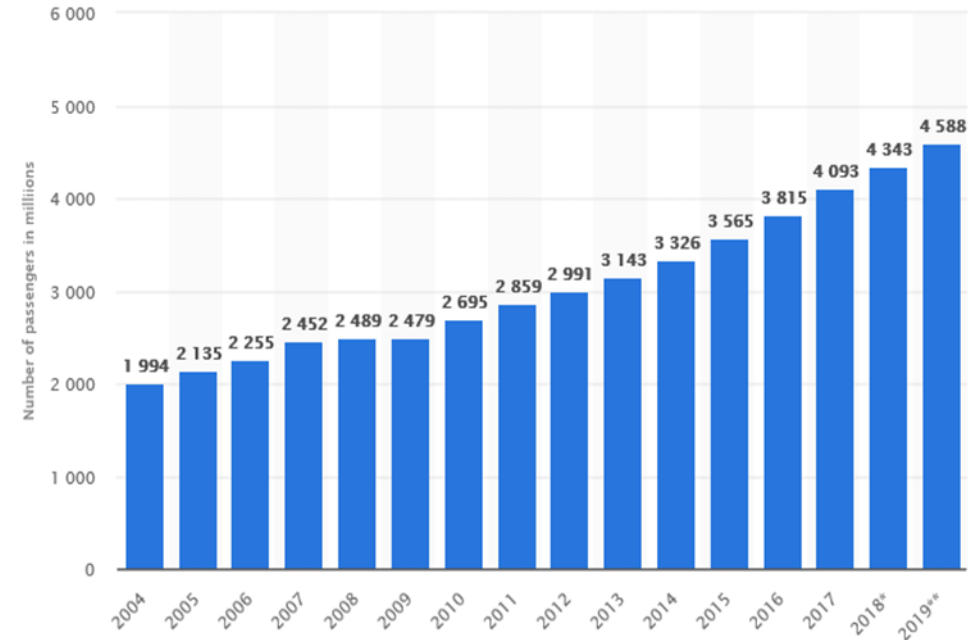
- National, regional, international security
- National sovereignty
- Economic prosperity
- Health & public safety
- Human rights & other international obligations



Border Management: Key Challenges & Threats

Air Border - Challenges & Threats: Terrorism & Transnational Organized Crime

- Passenger volumes
- Increased legal and illegal migration
- Document fraud
- Large number of private industry with air-side access presents security challenges and heightens risk of internal conspiracies
- Un(der) Regulation: Air cargo, General Aviation
- Corruption of border/immigration officials



New reality for air borders:

Worldwide, it is estimated that commercial airlines carried over **4.3 billion** passengers in 2018; this will increase to **7.8 billion** passengers annually by 2036



Border Management: Key Challenges & Threats

Land Border - Challenges & Threats: Terrorism & Transnational Organized Crime

- Vast areas that are not secured/controlled
- Remote areas with lack of connectivity
- Demarcation or delimitation disputes between States
- Increased legal and illegal migration and trade
- Smuggling of licit and illicit goods
- Border communities: challenges and opportunities
- Corruption of border/immigration officials
- Document fraud



Border Management: Key Challenges & Threats

Maritime Borders - Challenges & Threats: Terrorism & Transnational Organized Crime

- Vast coastlines that are not secured/controlled
- Remote areas with lack of connectivity
- Increasing volumes of maritime traffic and cargo
- Less regulation, lack of international standards
- Dependence of maritime trade on passage through congested chokepoints
- Critical infrastructure vulnerable to attack: port, harbor facilities
- Increased legal and illegal migration
- Corruption of border/immigration officials
- Piracy and other criminal activity



Border Management: Key Opportunities

Global Instruments

Support and guide States in the development of policies, strategies, and programs for effective Border Management



UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

Cooperation

Promotion of inter-agency and cross-border cooperation, and surveillance in the counter-terrorism context



Good Practices

Promote bilateral and/or multilateral collaboration and coordination to address gaps and challenges



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