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Media Advisory

The United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna

invites you to a

Press Briefing

on

**Organized Crime and Illicit Business –
Sustaining Terrorism and Ruining Lives**

on

Wednesday 16 March at 1 p.m.

in

M-Building Press Briefing Room (M0E 71A)
Vienna International Centre (VIC)

At an ever-quicken pace, the world's interconnectedness is visible - borders become more open for trade, market accessibility is increased, and the ease of travel and communications improves. However, while these progressions have benefited the world at large, they have also led to increased opportunities for both terrorists and criminals.

Today's criminal market spans the globe, and in many instances criminal profits support terrorist groups. Drug trafficking, transnational organized crime, the movement of illicit firearms and money laundering have becoming integral parts of terrorism.

From 16 – 17 March, UNODC will be organizing a Terrorism Symposium in Vienna to look into the growing connections between terrorist acts and global crime in a bid to better understand the heightened threats and challenges that are faced today.

Speakers include:

Yury Fedotov

Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Ambassador Helmut Böck

Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in Vienna

Mike Smith

Executive Director, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Carie Lemack

Director of the Global Survivors Network and Executive Producer of the Oscar-nominated documentary 'Killing in the Name'

Please register for the press briefing by 5pm Tuesday 15 March by writing to:
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