Patronage: The working group on torture and terrorism is be under the patronage of Ms. Hina Jilani, OMCT President, Prof. Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Ms. Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.

Coordination & secretariat: The working group will be convened through the OMCT International Secretariat, at least once per year physically as well as through webinars. Coordination will be main - tained by a project coordinator, in close collaboration with the programme director, the OMCT Secretary General as well as the OMCT Communications and Network teams.

Advisory committee: An advisory committee for the group may be established, composed of a small inter-disciplinary group of persons with pertinent and diverse backgrounds linked to the working group thematic and who can act as resource persons when needed to enrich or deepen exchanges.

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and attack the very values protected by human rights law. In many
terrorism and terrorist acts target the life and integrity of civilians
understood, or are misrepresented. Often times, their messaging sounds abstract, legalistic, dispassionate and predictable.
worked and lived through past cycles of terrorism and counter-terrorism, and far from being naïve, many of them live today in acute
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• Resilience: To map civil society challenges in combating torture in counter-terrorism and providing support to
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elements on this key issue. This group, by creating a unique
global network.
This working group aims to provide strategic guidance,
counter-terrorism and extremism, providing support to

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