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Approaching Ten Years after; Looking Back at a Decade of Intensified Counter-Terrorism Measures

**International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague
International Launch Conference 12 & 13 December 2010 in The Hague, NL**

International experts in the field of counter-terrorism will gather in The Hague on December 12 and 13 to discuss the results of almost ten years of intensified counter-terrorism activities since 9-11-2001.

2011 marks the tenth anniversary of 9/11 when the world was shocked by the unprecedented terrorist attacks on the USA. The events of 9/11 have had immense global impact and have generated intensified and sustained counter-terrorism efforts worldwide.

In anticipation of the many related and relevant questions likely to be raised during the course of next year, **the International Centre for Counter Terrorism (ICCT – The Hague)** will host a conference where eminent experts will convene to discuss the effects and consequences of ten years of heightened investments in counter-terrorism measures.

Speakers and participants will deliberate on the following and other questions:

- What was the status quo of counter-terrorism policies before 9/11?
- What has been the immediate and longer-term effect of 9/11 on counter-terrorism policies?
- What is the level of effectiveness of these new counter-terrorism measures?
- What balance has been struck between preventive and repressive measures?
Is there a need for a strategic reorientation?

The theme dominating ICCT – The Hague's agenda is the complex relation between human rights, terrorism and counter-terrorism. Issues such as de- and counter-radicalisation, human rights, impunity, the rule of law and communication in relation to counter-terrorism are at the core of ICCT's work.

By linking experts knowledge and views to the issues that policymakers are confronted with, ICCT – The Hague contributes to the strengthening of both research and policy. Consequently, avenues to new and innovative solutions will be identified, which will reinforce both human rights and security.

Conference speakers include: Mr. Michael E. Rolince (former Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office Counterterrorism Division); Mr. Imtiaz Gul (Journalist and Director Center for Research and Security Studies, Islamabad); Prof. Dr. Martha Crenshaw (Professor at Stanford University and Senior Fellow at CISAC and FSI); Prof. Mr. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer (Professor at Leiden University and former NATO Secretary General); Mr. Richard Barrett (Coordinator UN Al-Qaida / Taliban Monitoring Team); Mr. Dan Gardner (Journalist and Author of 'Risk: The Science and Politics of Fear'); and Mr. Gilles de Kerchove (EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator)

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Notes to the Editor (not meant for publication)

The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague is an independent knowledge centre that was formally opened by the Dutch Minister for Foreign Affairs in May 2010. The centre, situated in The Hague, is the result of an initiative originating in the Dutch parliament and will, in its nascent years, receive financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. ICCT – The Hague is supported by the collective efforts of three, Hague based, authoritative institutions active in the fields of international law, relations and security, namely the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, the Institute for International Relations Clingendael and the Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism of Campus The Hague / Leiden University

The full programme of the conference can be found at http://icct.nl/events_vervolg.php?id=13. Only the opening of the conference on the morning of Monday 13 December is on the record and open to the media (09:00 – 09:30).

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