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7th December 2014: The 8th Focal Points Meeting of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT) is underway in Algiers, Algeria.

The meeting was opened by H.E Ambassador Ahcene Kerma, Director General for African Affairs in the, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,

H.E Ambassador Boullah Ould Mougueya, in representation of H.E **President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz**, current chairman of the African Union, and *H.E Ambassador Smail Chergui*, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union Commission, were in attendance.

They saluted the ACSRT on its 10th anniversary and con-

gratulated it for its achievements in the promotion, support and coordination of Member states efforts in the prevention and combating of terrorism.

Welcoming the participants, **H.E Ambassador Francisco Caetano José MADEIRA**, AU Commission Chairperson's Special Representative for Counterterrorism Co-



H.E Ambassador Smail Chergui, accompanied by H.E Ambassador Ahcene Kerma in representation of the Government of Algeria, H.E Ambassador Boullah Ould Mougueya representing the current Chairman of the AU, and H.E Ambassador Francisco Madeira Director of the Centre, presided over the celebrations.

Participants commended the remarkable strides the ACSRT was able to achieve in the past 10 years.

operation and Director of the ACSRT, said that this year's discussions will hinge around the **enhancement of d Counter Terrorism Coordination and Cooperation and the need for comprehensive national and regional CT framework and timely Information sharing mechanisms"**

Jointly organized by the ACSRT and the Committee of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa (CISSA), the meeting has brought together ACSRT Counter-Terrorism Focal Points from 44 AU Member States in addition to representatives of International Organizations, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanism.

The UFL was also represented at the meeting.

During the three day meeting, the AU Member States considered the report on the activities of the ACSRT, adopted its annual activity plan, and reviewed the current terrorism situation on the continent.