

The first thematic session, which will start immediately in this hall after the adjournment of the opening segment, will consider the theme "Opportunities and challenges in strengthening international cooperation through the sharing of information, expertise and resources".

The session will be chaired by Ambassador Nicholas (oninsx, - ssistant Secretary, General and Executive Director of the Counterterrorism Committee Executive Directorate of the United Nations).

The second thematic session, which will run from 8 to 10 p.m. today, will consider the topic "Combating the evolving threat from foreign terrorist fighters", and will be chaired by Ambassador Jürgen Stock, Secretary General of IAEA.

The third session will take place tomorrow morning from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and will focus on the theme "Strengthening global action to prevent violent extremism, including engaging youth and preventing misuse of new technologies".

The conference will conclude with a closing segment, which will take place tomorrow from 8.00 to 10.00 p.m. in this hall, at which the Secretary-General Guterres will make closing remarks.

There will be interpretation in all six United Nations languages today, including during the lunch break. There will be interpretation during the scheduled times of the sessions tomorrow, but not during the lunch break or after 10.00 p.m.

To make maximum use of the limited time we have available for this conference, I urge all speakers to kindly adhere to the time limit of four minutes for all statements.

To facilitate time management in this regard, we have installed a lighting system, by which a red light will start to blink when speakers are near the end of the allotted time.

Please also note that all statements will be made from the podium. United Nations staff will guide you to the podium.

If you need any assistance over the next two days, there is an information desk outside this hall where my staff will be ready to help you.

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