

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism, through the United Nations Counter Terrorism Centre, has worked in full gear over the past year to meet the capacity building needs of Member States and regional organizations, always, at their request.

In 2018, under the overall direction and guidance of Mr. Voronkov as UNCT Executive Director, we implemented 43 capacity building programmes and projects across all four pillars of the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Strategy, in close collaboration with Global Counter Terrorism Coordination Compact entities.

We provided capacity building support to 61 Member States and reached over 2,600 individuals. This support included the delivery of 63 capacity building workshops and activities directly benefiting approximately 1,545 individuals, and the organization of 13 outreach events with the participation of over 1,000 participants.

UNCCT also supported the development of seven (7) key publications, including on supporting victims' associations in Africa and the Middle East; compliance with human rights legal standards related to screening of individuals at borders; the development of national and regional plans of action to prevent violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism; and the responsible use of biometrics in counter terrorism, in collaboration with CIED and the Biometrics Institute

This represents a significant expansion of our implementation volume, which increased 66% since the establishment of the United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism in 2017.

We recently finalized the 2018 Annual Report that provides a comprehensive overview of our capacity building assistance and financial performance for the reporting year. A print version of this report will be sent to all Permanent Missions later this month as part of our commitment to full transparency. We are also upgrading our website and will upload the Annual Report, as well as relevant information from our quarterly reports, to this website

All of this important work would not have been possible without the support of donors that have contributed to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism and other partner countries. We are very grateful for this support and hope that we can continue to rely on it

of a full-time gender advisor will allow us to prepare a gender programme by the end of the year:

All of our work continues to be guided by the strategic guidance provided in the Centre's 5 Year Programme, while remaining adaptable in our response to new directions from the General Assembly and the

phenomenon, including human rights considerations and private sector perspectives

In this quarter, the Centre has initiated work on developing a comprehensive Youth Programme to ensure a sustained and strategic approach to youth engagement and to provide an interface for UN system wide collaboration on youth focused initiatives to prevent and counter violent extremism

The first phase of this Programme will consolidate and reinforce existing youth focused projects and explore new joint initiatives in line with the UN Youth Strategy, leveraging the coordination mandate of UNOCI.

Under the second pillar of the Global Strategy on counter terrorism, UNCT launched a new multi-year border security and management programme in January, which already started providing technical expertise to Burkina Faso border authorities for the integration of necessary counter terrorism elements into its national border strategy.

The Centre introduced this programme to OSCE, IOM and UNODC to explore cooperation, and briefed Member States on the 'UN Compendium of Recommended Practices for the Responsible Use and

region This work builds on the Centre's long history of supporting the development and implementation of regional strategies, as we have done in Central Asia, Southern Africa, Central Africa and the Caribbean

The Centre also launched a project to promote South South cooperation in counter terrorism and PCVE at the 2nd UN High Level

UNCCT convened Member States, civil society organizations and UN entities in April to finalize a Handbook on key international human rights, humanitarian and refugee law principles concerning the treatment of children affected by the foreign terrorist fighter phenomenon. In the coming months we hope to launch a new project with UNODC to support Member States to address this pressing issue.

Also in this quarter, UNCCT held expert meetings in Bangkok and Seoul to discuss the needs of victims of terrorism in relation to recognition, support, protection, access to justice and compensation, to develop guidelines and principles to assist, protect and support victims in the Asia Pacific region.

The Centre, in collaboration with the Department of Global Communications,

Management Unit will also allow us to continue to improve effective M&E for the Centre

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Through the delivery of these projects we are also raising the profile of UNCT as a Centre of Excellence. We are increasingly becoming the 'go to' resource on counter terrorism and PVE capacity building in areas such as countering the financing of terrorism, supporting victims of terrorism, border security and management, CBRN terrorism, and human rights.

As we continue to expand our programming in the coming months we look forward to working with you, the Member States, at the global, regional and national level to build capacities to implement the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

We once again thank all Member States here today for their support and contributions to our capacity building work and look forward to continuing our close cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.