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I would like to begin by thanking you for organizing today's

I would also like to express my gratitude for the able leadership shown by #mbassador #boulatta of /gypt of the Counter% (errorism Committee" I look forward to working closely with the Committee and with its /xecutive 0irectorate, C(/ 0, to build a strong partnership between all &eneral #ssembly and Security Council mandated bodies to promote the implementation of the \$nited 1 ations &lobal Counter% (errorism Strategy and all relevant Security Council resolutions"

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(he new ' ffice of Counter% (errorism established by the Secretary% &eneral, which I head, intends to make a 2ualitative difference in our support to 3 ember States by bringing leadership, mobilizing resources, and developing, together with \$ 1 entities at 4ead2quarters and the field, a coherent and well%coordinated + ' ne \$ 1 - framework to counter% terrorism and prevent violent extremism conducive to terrorism" Support and assistance for the 3 ember States are the key words in this regard"

In order to meet this goal, I intend to work closely with all 3 ember States of the \$ 1 &eneral #ssembly, the Security Council and all other relevant organs and bodies of the \$nited 1 ations" 5istening and acting on your priorities will be my priority"

(hat is why I had more than *6 high%level meetings with 3 ember States and international and regional organizations last week" I also listened carefully to the statements delivered in the &eneral #ssembly, in which counter%terrorism was clearly one of the highest priorities for the ma7ority of 3 ember States"

As delivered

Since 1961, the Counterterrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate have resolutely contributed to supporting Member States in the implementation of resolution 1540. Leveraging their respective comparative advantages, the UN Counterterrorism Implementation Task Force has already contributed significantly to this effort. Now it is high time to bring together our collective efforts.

I therefore welcome the growing emphasis that the Security Council is putting in its resolutions and presidential statements to ensure that United Nations entities work closely together in addressing the terrorist threat. This must be followed by concrete actions and initiatives, respectful of mandates and done in the spirit of collaboration from the very start.

Allow me to give you four examples of what the CTC's two constituent parts – the Counterterrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF), of which CTC/DO is a core member, and the United Nations Counterterrorism Centre (UNCTC) are already doing.

First, our UN Counterterrorism Implementation Task Force Interagency Working Groups represent a good example of counterterrorism coordination in action – this means exchange of information: identification of threats and challenges; and development of UN projects.

Our new office of Counterterrorism intends to further

strengthening of coordination and coherence will be the highest priority of the Office of Counterterrorism

, through our Counterterrorism Foreign Terrorist Fighters Working Group we have developed, as mandated by the Security Council, an annual plan of \$1 - Counterterrorism Foreign Terrorist Fighters Capacity Building Implementation ;lan that now includes over 60 projects from 150 entities addressing the entire life cycle of the Foreign Terrorist Fighters phenomenon"

Leveraging C/0's comparative advantages, capabilities and knowledge of Member States' needs and priorities, these projects have been thematically and geographically ranked by their criticality, to ensure impact on the ground and efficient use of donor resources"

, as requested by the Council, the UN's United Nations Counterterrorism Centre is implementing the annual plan of \$1 - Integrated Assistance for Counterterrorism initiative in the Sahel, as well as in Nigeria and Mali" In mapping the priorities and needs of these countries, close coordination and input from C/0 has been critical"

, Security Council resolution 2178 calls for greater participation and leadership of women in developing strategies to prevent terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism, a substantial component of Pillar I of the Global Counterterrorism Strategy" As called for by the resolution, the C/0 is integrating gender as an annual plan - cross-cutting issue in its work, and created a dedicated C/0 Interagency Working Group on Gender, chaired by UN Women"

We must recognize that there are four important spheres of UN activity that need to be aligned if we are to effectively develop a coherent and well-coordinated UN framework for our future counterterrorism efforts, namely:

- The Security Council and its subsidiary bodies with their international peace and security mandate;
- The General Assembly, which brings together our common efforts through the consensus-based Global Counterterrorism Strategy, its review resolutions and international counterterrorism legal instruments;
- The Secretary-General and the UN Secretariat, which now includes the Office of Counterterrorism; and
- The UN agencies, funds and programmes that directly or indirectly contribute to our common counterterrorism and development efforts in support of the balanced implementation of the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy.

These four spheres of UN activity will need to be more closely aligned together if we are to build, as the Secretary-General stated in the General Assembly last week, “a new International Counterterrorism Partnership.”

For their part, 3 member States will also have to mobilize the necessary political will and resources to backstop this effort, especially through the full implementation of all relevant Security Council resolutions and counterterrorism conventions"

Our new Office of Counterterrorism stands ready to be strongly engaged in this effort, and I look forward to hearing your views on how we can move forward together in pursuit of this goal"

I commit to do my utmost in this regard and thank all Security Council members for your support"

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