

**Statement of Mr. Vladimir Voronkov
Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism**

**UNDP SECOND GLOBAL MEETING ON PREVENTING VIOLENT
EXTREMISM**

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SPEAKERS:

1. Mr. Nikolai Astrup, Minister of International Development, Norway
2. Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
3. Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General, Office of Counter-Terrorism
4. Ms. Somia Okoued, State Minister, Sudan (TBC)

Moderator: Ms. Laila Bokhari, Independent Adviser and former State Secretary, Norway

Excellencies,

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The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Guterres, places high importance on preventing violent extremism and personally spearheads a common approach on PVE through his High-Level PVE Action Group. The prevention of violent extremism is one of the top priorities and part of the core mandate of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism.

As the Secretary-General highlighted in his major counter-terrorism statement in London last year, prevention is the first line of defense against violent extremism and terrorism.

There are no quick fixes to tackle this complex and multifaceted threat. Addressing violent extremism and terrorism through security measures is essential but rarely sufficient on its own. We need to focus our efforts on conditions that are conducive to young men and women being lured by violent extremism and terrorism.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The United Nations is stepping up its efforts to prevent violent extremism. More than two thirds of the initiatives of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, for example, are dedicated to addressing the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism.

These efforts are based on the consensus of the UN General Assembly that mandated the United Nations to support requesting Member States in this important area. The Secretary-General himself has directly instructed the UN system to place high priority on the prevention of violent extremism, prevention based on national ownership. It is a sovereign right of a country to request this assistance. It is a demand-driven process. As a result, a

For this reason, I would like to appeal to Member States to engage in dialogue and discussion to build the necessary common understanding on this very issue. It is essential that the international community remains united and increases its international cooperation to comprehensively address the threat of violent extremism and terrorism.

It is very important to reach a compromise in the first ever counter-terrorism week of the United Nations.

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In order to foster a more practical approach to preventing and countering terrorism, the Secretary-General is holding a High-Level Conference of Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States immediately after the Sixth Review of the Global Counter-

The Secretary-General has asked the UN Office of Counter- Terrorism to further improve UN coordination and coherence in its prevention of violent extremism and counter-terrorism efforts and has signed a new UN system-wide Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact with 36 UN entities, Interpol and the World Customs Organization.

The Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact provides clear terms of reference for engagement between Compact entities and will ultimately enable us to better serve our Member States.

The Compact will help us:

- (i) Support the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;
- (ii) Involve UN Country Teams in counter-terrorism and PVE activities through a country-by-country approach;
- (iii) Help share relevant capacity building and coordination and coherence related information with members of the Compact;
- (iv) Develop mutually reinforcing counter-terrorism and PVE capacity-building projects; and
- (v) Establish a joint resource mobilization and outreach strategy with donors.

Based on this Compact, a number of UN entities are intensifying their collaboration. For example, over the past months we have managed to significantly improve our cooperation with the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate or CTED. Thanks to the adoption in December last year of Security Council resolution 2395, we have also started to build up our capacity i .

We are also bringing together UN entities through different partnership frameworks. For example, UNOCT is signing its first Memorandum of Understanding with UNDP today. With its strong field presence, UNDP is one of the most important UN partners for UNOCT.

Mr. Steiner, I am looking forward to sign47.21 Tm0 g13g9p32 3.891BT3QBDC q0.000008871 0 595

Through this sustained presence of UNDP on the ground to utilize synergies and maximize our impact.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Governments of Norway and the Republic of Korea for their generous support and financial contributions to the success of this new programme.

At the regional level, UNOCT has already supported Member States through the League of Arab States, ASEAN, CARICOM, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the G5 Sahel Countries, Southern African States and Central AsiaTm0 g0 G{ne)4(w p