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Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am delighted to welcome you to the United Nations General Assembly side event "Ensuring the Rights of Children of Foreign Terrorist Fighters", co-hosted by the Government of Belgium and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT). I would like to thank Belgium colleagues for their active engagement. My word of appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and all other donors, for their generous

Most of these returning children are

How can States rehabilitate and reintegrate children of FTFs while ensuring their human rights?

How can we ensure that the treatment of children as victims, enable them to fully reintegrate back into societies, when there may remain lingering fears about their future actions, triggered by well-published horrors committed by terrorist groups?

What lessons can we learn from the different experiences that Member States have had in addressing this phenomenon?

In an effort to address some of these questions, the UN Counter-Terrori