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Dear friends,

First and foremost, your discussions today demonstrated once again that civil society, in all its diversity, is a vital partner in addressing the drivers of violent extremism and the conditions conducive to terrorism.

In the area of prevention, we heard about civil society-led efforts to build resilience, including by raising awareness of the threat of terrorism, promoting interfaith and intra-faith dialogues, supporting vulnerable youth, developing and disseminating counter narrative campaigns, and building community trust in government institutions.

In the intervention space, we heard about the critical role that civil society actors – including psychologists, risk assessment experts, mentors, religious representatives, victims, and former terrorism offenders – are playing in designing, delivering, and evaluating risk assessment and management tools, as well as intervention approaches around the world.

And in the rehabilitation and reintegration space, we heard about the experiences of civil society organizations in Central Asia and elsewhere working hand-in-hand

Importantly, civil society can greatly contribute to community ownership in rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives, especially with regard to reducing stigma, and helping to channel concerns.

Dear friends,

The importance of civil society engagement in our long-term fight against terrorism is well recognized both by the General Assembly and the Security Council - and we are taking decisive steps to translate this into tangible actions.

The General Assembly in its resolution for the 6<sup>th</sup> review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy encouraged civil society

Furthermore, in addition to ensuring the strong participation of civil society in the Regional High-Level Conferences, civil society will also play a significant role in the second

Dear friends,

We all know that terrorism cannot be defeated through military and law enforcement means alone.

But a lot more needs to be done to bring about a holistic, inclusive and thoughtful approach to counter-terrorism, which addresses the challenge in all its complexity. And much more needs to be done to shift the focus from short-term responses to a long-term perspective, investing in building resilience for sustainable prevention.

The experiences you have shared today, your good practices and lessons learned, are invaluable to help concretize st45ith an2F1 12 Tf1 0 0 1 336.91 48.15 Tm0 g0 Ggoo)9d pra7(4(i)3ca(i) 0 54(sh1