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**Special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee
commemorating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of
Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the
establishment of the Committee**

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to all those around the world whose lives were stolen or otherwise shattered by terrorist violence over the years.

The Security Council's swift, consensus adoption of resolution 1373 under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter and the establishment of this Committee demonstrated a united front against the global threat of terrorism and laid the foundations for strengthened national

They have also sought to benefit from the disruptions and socio-economic and political fallout caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the face of these challenges, reinvigorated multilateralism, anchored in the United Nations Charter and international law, is indispensable. The Security Council's continued leadership and guidance is critical.

Excellencies,

Close engagement with this Committee and its Chair and maintaining an effective partnership with CTED has been a top priority for Under-Secretary-General Voronkov and myself.

There should be no mystery as to why that should be the case, because as a senior representative of a permanent member of the Security Council I was privileged to be involved in both the creation of UNOCT as well as drafting Security Council resolution 2395, which envisioned just the sort of collaboration that Under-Secretary-General Voronkov and Assistant Secretary-General Coninx managed to establish.

Since its founding four years ago, UNOCT has greatly benefited from regular opportunities to

**benefit from the 646 technical assistance
recommendations and 29 country assessments reports**

other international, regional, and bilateral sources of information to begin detecting and interdicting the travel of known and suspected terrorists and other serious criminals right away. The return on investment is almost immediate. It is the clearest and most objective example of meaningful international cooperation engendered by our partnership with CTED in helping Member States implement provisions of Chapter VII resolutions.

degree possible, we would welcome greater access for UN entities to the Committee's assessment reports and related preparatory analysis by CTED, as well as summary assessments of gaps and needs in different thematic areas.

The Committee's engagement with the wider United Nations membership and system, regional organizations, civil society and the academia, together with strengthened attention to human rights and gender, are positive developments which we further encourage.

UNOCT Office welcomes the Committee's continued guidance on key counter-terrorism issues that require urgent action, and we follow with great interest how the Committee is integrating the potential impact of counter-terrorism measures on humanitarian assistance

You can count on the continued support of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism in helping Member States prevent and counter terrorism in the new decade.

Thank you.