A threat that is jeopardizing hard-earned gains in sustaining peace and sustainable development; that is polarizing societies and undermining trust in government.

I am pleased that my Office, given its leadership, coordination and capacity-building mandate on counter-terrorism, was able to contribute to your plenary discussions today.

We have come a long way in the reform of the United Nations counter-terrorism architecture and we now need to leverage these gains fully, as underlined in the seventh review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in June.

Therefore, we look forward to the renewal, in the next weeks, of the mandate of our close partner, the Executive Directorate supporting this Committee.

six months old, and I had just assumed the honour of serving as the first Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism.

Security Council resolution 2395 provided a framework for my Office to develop its partnership with CTED, and its engagement with this Committee which we look forward to deepening.

I take this opportunity, in conclusion, to pay tribute to Assistant Secretary-General Coninsx for the great collaboration we have established, and the results we have achieved. My sincere thanks to you, dear Michèle.

And to you, Ambassador Ladeb, for