

Closing Remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

Leaders Dialogue: Strategic Responses to Terrorist and Violent Extremist Narratives

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**Your Majesty,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to thank His Majesty King Abdullah II, President Macron, Prime Minister Ardern and Secretary-General Guterres for bringing us together today for this important event.

This dialogue is a defining moment for the United Nations and the international community.

Leaders from around the world have once again unequivocally rejected terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism in all its forms, shades and manifestations.

Many of you noted that each pathway to radicalisation is unique, but more than half of the battle is won or lost before the threshold of radicalisation is crossed.

Without neglecting the role of person-to-person contacts in the process of radicalisation, today's discussion also demonstrated that much of the struggle for the hearts and minds of potential violent extremists occurs

