

Video Statement of

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International Conference on the Security of Radioactive Material:

The Way Forward

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to begin by thanking the International Atomic Energy Agency for organizing this important Conference. I would also like to convey my warm greetings to the audience, the chair of the session, Ambassador Maria Assunta Accilli, and to my fellow panelists. Allow me to commend the work carried out by your respective organizations, to enhance the security of radioactive material.

As many of you know, the United Nations is increasing its efforts to support Member States at the global, regional and national levels to prevent and counter chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism. My Office, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, is committed to help Members States to build and strengthen their capacities to prevent, detect and respond to this serious threat.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues

The possibility of non-state actors, including terrorists, acquiring lethal technologies and weapons is a challenge for international peace and security. The Secretary-General of the United Nations

In February 2018, the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact was signed by the Secretary-General and the heads of 38 UN Agencies, funds and programmes plus INTERPOL and the

