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Despite the significant progress we have made in our fight against
terrorism, the threat has diversified, endangering hard-earned gains in
many countries across the globe.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted counter-terrorism
efforts.

The hasty developments in Afghanistan - which can have significant
human rights implications, especially for women and children ± are a clear
reminder that we must redouble our efforts to ensure that no country is
used as a platform or safe haven for terrorism.

Earlier this year, the international community reaffirmed its
commitment to counter the complex challenges associated with terrorism.

The Second United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week, which my
Office held last June, included the biennial High-Level Conference of
Heads of Counter-Terrorism Agencies of Member States convened under

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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear colleagues,

To counter current terrorist threats, five overarching priority areas
for global action emerged over the course of the Counter-Terrorism Week,
which I would like to share with you.

First, the need to urgently address the complex legacies of 'D¶HVK
crimes in Iraq and Syria including through the protection, repatriation,
prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration of foreign terrorist fighters
and their families. 7KUHDWIURP'D¶HVKLVVWLOOUHDODQGKLJKOHW¶VWDNHIRU
example the recent terrorist attack in New Zealand.

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In this dynamic and rapidly evolving security landscape, legislators
play a critical role in preventing and countering terrorism and violent
extremism.

We rely on parliamentarians to work hand-in-hand with
governments to adopt strong, robust and transparent laws, budgets and
policies to fund and implement the international legal framework against
terrorism.

I am therefore delighted to announce that on 16
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 June, my office
launched a Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement based in
Doha, with the generous support and hospitality of the Shura Council of
the State of Qatar.

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of Victims of Terrorism¶ZKLch will be presented in depth during the
second session of this Summit.

I am also pleased to announce that, together with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, we are developing a
³Parliamentary Handbook on Security Council resolution 1373,´as well as
a ³Compendium of Existing Good Practices on Data Protection Rules to
Facilitate International Cooperation in Counter-7HUURULVP´in partnership
with CTED and UNODC.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Summit comes at a critical time as the international community
grapples with complex challenges in a world shaken by the COVID-19
pandemic.

Your deliberations here today will aid in identifying concrete and
lasting solutions to sustain multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation.
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