

**Opening remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of
the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism**

**Annual Forum of Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance
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Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear colleagues and friends,

Welcome to the first Annual Forum of Beneficiaries of Technical Assistance, which we are convening together with our partner, the State of Qatar.

I would like to start by expressing my sincere appreciation to the Government of the State of Qatar for its generous hospitality and for hosting this important event.

I am honoured that His Excellency Mr. Soltan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, is with us today.

I am also pleased to be joined by His Excellency Major General Abdulaziz Al-Ansari, Director of the Department of International Cooperation and Chairman of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee at the Ministry of Interior of Qatar.

I would like to welcome His Excellency Hassan Al Thawadi, Secretary General of the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, as well as my fellow colleagues, Under-Secretary-General Cristina Duarte, Special Adviser on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General, and Mr. Weixong Chen, Acting Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, with whom I have the pleasure to deliver opening remarks.

I also welcome my colleague His Excellency Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and Her Excellency Ms. Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office of the

