

**Closing 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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His Excellency, Major General Abdulaziz Al-Ansari,  
Her Excellency, Ambassador Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani,  
Distinguished representatives,  
Dear colleagues and friends,

I would like to begin by thanking Ambassador Al-Thani for her insightful and comprehensive remarks and for her strong support to the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system.

The strategic priorities and operational modalities that inform programming in counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism conducive to terrorism;

The opportunities and challenges in the design and delivery of counter-terrorism assistance, including the effectiveness of cooperation instruments, monitoring and evaluation tools, and resource mobilization efforts;

The efficacy of the policy, coordination and programmatic work carried out with the financial support of the State of Qatar, with a deep dive into our global programmes on vulnerable targets, countering terrorist travel, aviation security, fusion cells, sports, parliamentary engagement, and victims of terrorism;

The perspectives of beneficiary Member States, regional organizations, and civil society partners on enhancing the impact of our counter-terrorism assistance;

And field-based implementation, including through the integration of behavioural insights and parliamentary engagement in counter-terrorism programming.

I have followed the discussions with great interest and taken note of the issues and suggestions raised.

In the coming days, my Office will produce an outcome report that will provide a summary of discussions and present key guiding principles, good practices, and recommendations for consideration in the development and implementation of technical and capacity-building assistance to prevent and counter terrorism.

Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me to highlight some initial observations and conclusions that emerged from the Beneficiaries Forum.

First, in terms of strategic alignment of multilateral efforts

Through stronger multilateral cooperation, we can ensure that our counter-terrorism responses are coherent, targeted and complementary.

My Office will continue to support the Secretary-networked multilateralism in counter-terrorism through the organization of the biennial counter-terrorism week at the United Nations, high-level international and regional conferences on key counter-terrorism areas, and regular briefings and reporting to Member States.

Second, several speakers shared key counter-terrorism priorities, highlighting the need for concerted action against transnational organized crime, proliferation of small arms and light weapons, cyber-attacks, terrorist financing, online radicalization and recruitment, and terrorist exploitation of new technologies, including drones.

We were reminded of the importance of addressing the conditions conducive to terrorism, especially in view of the challenges compounded by the global pandemic.

I am pleased that our global programmes, some of which were presented during this Forum, address these priorities.

We will continue our comprehensive approach to counter-terrorism that enhances operational law enforcement capacities, while supporting prevention efforts to mitigate risk areas in which terrorists thrive and recruit.

In doing so, a human rights-compliant, rule of law-based, gender and age sensitive approach will be at the core of our programming.

My Office will continue the civil society dialogue series launched last year. I also encourage all our partners to benefit from the innovative UNOCT Connect & Learn digital platform, which provides e-learning and facilitates networking among experts and practitioners.

Fourth, we need to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation mechanism for United -terrorism efforts and ensure we have sufficient and sustained resources to perform our counter-terrorism mandate.

Through the Counter-Terrorism Compact Working Group on Resource Mobilization and Monitoring and Evaluation, the Compact entities launched the United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism during the Second Counter-Terrorism Week in June last year, which coordinates request for funding of 52 projects from 12 entities amounting to \$179 million.

I ask our donor community to support the multi-year appeal to ensure that priority needs of Member States are supported in the most effective and efficient manner.

And lastly, we need to continue our efforts to deliver tailored capacity-building assistance that is closer to beneficiaries in a cost-effective manner to sustain impact through the United