

**Opening statement by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,  
Under-Secretary-General for Counter-Terrorism,  
8th Meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact  
Coordination Committee**

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Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,


It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the eighth meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Compact Coordination Committee.

Allow me to start by thanking United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, for his meeting.

I would also like to thank the Secretary-General for his leadership of the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, because it was your idea, Mr. Secretary-General, to create the Compact, and it is now the largest coordination framework in the United Nations.

I am delighted to present and also greet here His Excellency Major General Abdulaziz Al-Ansari, Chair of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee of the State of Qatar, His Excellency Ambassador T. S. Tirumurti, Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council and Permanent Representative of India, His Excellency Mr. Tijjani Muhammad Bande, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nigeria, His Excellency Ambassador Mr. Martin Kimani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the of Kenya, His Excellency Mr. Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United

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The magnitude of the challenge is further compounded by complex relationships between terrorists, armed groups and criminal networks, as well as the political upheaval caused by recent coups

These very concerning developments jeopardize human rights and the rule of law and perpetuate or even exacerbate conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism.

Looking ahead, supporting African Member States in their counter-terrorism efforts and responding to their needs will be among the top priorities of my Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to share that Nigeria and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism are planning to organize an African High-Level International Conference on Counter-Terrorism, in Abuja, in October 2023. I look forward to working with you all in making this Conference a success.

Dear Colleagues,

The global nature of terrorism requires closer international cooperation and partnerships, especially with regional organizations.

For that reason, my Office has strengthened collabor/P A/CID 9Q72.5 518.3 A7.o7 Af(qui-121(c)-5MCID 9Q

As stronger regional capacities across all counter-terrorism areas have become an urgent priority, my Office has increased our presence on the African continent by opening programme offices in Kenya and Morocco. Their geographical proximity to our beneficiaries and partners helps to provide

positive practice improves coordination and offers Member States the opportunity to request tailored support from relevant Compact entities.

My Office is also increasing online collaboration between Compact entities and Member States, including through information sharing via the Digital Coordination Platform.

It is also an encouraging development that nine regional organizations have so far nominated focal points to the Digital Coordination Platform.

Beyond our State partners, the Compact is working to further strengthen regional cooperation and coordination with civil society.

You will recall that in the last Coordination Committee Meeting,