

Global Programme to Counter Terrorist Threats Against Vulnerable Targets

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Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Colleagues,

On behalf of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), it is a pleasure to join you at this launch of the thematic modules, part of the *Global Programme on countering terrorist threats against vulnerable targets*.

I'd like to extend my warm appreciation to my fellow speakers:

H.E. Sheikha Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations;

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT);

Mr. Weixiong Chen, Acting Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)

Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative of the

I also welcome all the expert panel members and representatives of Member States, civil society, the private sector, and UN Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities.

As leaders and members of the global community, we have a vested interest in ensuring that vulnerable targets are kept safe and secure.

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