

## Statement by

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## At

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Dear colleagues,

I am glad to join USG Voronkov, Mr. Chen, Ms. De Meo, and Ms. Saad, in opening this event.

I would also like to express appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Ibaniez and his colleagues in the

These helpful publications collect existing resources, knowledge and good practices, and can therefore help achieve the purpose of the Global Program in providing better understanding of the threats, sharing of best practices, building capacities and facilitation of international cooperation and partnerships.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Unfortunately, the world has been seeing increased cowardly attacks that exploit the unique vulnerability of critical infrastructure, open public spaces, religious sites, sporting events, and other so-soft . Therefore, there is a need for specific measures for mitigation of risks to these distinct types of sites and recovery from attacks. This requires cooperation and partnerships among a range of actors and exchange of knowledge at several levels.

The Thematic Modules address this need by providing good practices and recommended tools along with case studies that cover protection of different types of soft targets, including: touristic venues, religious sites and places of worship, urban centers, and the threats posed by unmanned

Finally, dear colleagues,

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