



Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

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have maximized the misuse of the online space to build networks, increase their reach and influence, mobilize supporters and fundraise transnationally, as well as spread conspiracy theories against ethnic, religious, gender and minority groups.

Our increased reliance on the online space during the pandemic contributed to accelerating extremist narratives, as opportunities emerged to forge an unprecedented number of online connections between like-minded individuals and groups internationally. It is therefore important to ensure that attention to counter-terrorism is sustained as COVID-19 restrictions worldwide continue to ease.

Fourth, it is the primary responsibility of Member States to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, including terrorist attacks based on xenophobia, racism and other forms of intolerance, or in the name of religion or belief. Response measure