



Key milestones, such as International Day for Victims and the first United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism have laid the groundwork and provided guidance at the international level. Opportunities to provide strong leadership continue this year: the General Assembly's forthcoming 8<sup>th</sup> review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy enables us to strengthen support to victims, while the Africa Counter-Terrorism Summit, expected to be held in Nigeria later this year, will have a critical focus on victims and survivors of terrorism continent-wide, reinforcing Africa's commitment to victims.

However, without action at the national level, where laws are adopted and implementing actions taken, we risk losing the momentum generated at the international level. It is imperative that Member States not only tailor their responses



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assistance. We will do so through UNOCT's programmes on Global Victims of Terrorism Support and Parliamentary Engagement, in collaboration with our close partner, UNODC.

In line with the UNOCT commitments presented in the Chair's summary of last September's Global Congress for Victims of Terrorism, we look forward to working together towards the effective implementation of the Model Legislative Provisions and to supporting Member States' efforts to take practical steps in developing national frameworks that are holistic, victim-centric, and sustainable.

To conclude, I would like to express my gratitude to all partners contributing to the Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme, who by doing so make possible the implementation of initiatives such as this one: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Qatar, and the Kingdom of Spain, and to the United States, which specifically contributed to this important project. Thanks to the kind contribution of the latter, we are now ready to respond immediately to assistance requests from Member States, as called for in General Assembly resolution 73/305.

We hope this roundtable will mark the beginning of an impactful and sustainable collaboration to provide Member States with the support and the tools to build or enhance the necessary national structures to provide victims of terrorism the needed assistance and support.

Thank you very much.