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Madam President,
Excellencies,

I thank the Security Council for the opportunity to brief you today.

As I present the sixteenth report of the Secretary-General on international peace and security, and the United Nations counter-terrorism efforts in support of Member States, it is important that we remember the impact that this terrorist organization has on human lives, livelihoods and peace.

In September last year, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism organized in New York the first United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism. This high-level event began with a powerful call to action by 10 victims and survivors of terrorism from around the world who shared their heart-wrenching stories of pain and loss but also of resilience and steadfastness in the face of sheer brutality and evil.

They reminded us of the trauma and destruction that terrorism leaves long after an attack is over.

I regularly meet with victims of terrorism. Their stories have a profound impact on me. Because beyond the headlines and behind the numbers, there are numerous people and communities who were affected by

Engaging and addressing the plight of victims and survivors provides us with a compelling reason to support and strengthen our collective efforts to confront and defeat terrorism.

It also serves as an impetus to keep strengthening multilateral and interagency networks, including at the United Nations through the Secretary-General's Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact.

