



**Closing Remarks by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General
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Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Dear colleagues,

Allow me once again to thank our dear colleagues and friends from the Kingdom of Morocco, and especially His Excellency Director General Mohammed Yassine Mansouri, for the enormous and sincere hospitality and leadership in coordinating such an exceptional high-level, multiagency event.

I also would like to thank all the speakers and participants for a highly fruitful exchange during the past two days.

At a time when terrorism in Africa is at an all-time high, the Marrakesh Platform provides a crucial opportunity every year to bring together the heads of counter-terrorism security agencies in Africa to discuss how we can best coordinate and collaborate to confront the immense threat of terrorism.

Most importantly, the Platform allows us to align our counter-terrorism approaches, build relationships closer and better understand how we can support one another.

Our vision is that the Platform should continue to stay as a unique mechanism that brings concerned regional stakeholders, Member States, the United Nations and other international organizations, to make tangible and practical calls for action through strategic dialogue and with an operational mindset.

We are also convinced that with this Platform we have an outstanding space not just for sharing information and good practices, but also for identifying and refining your technical assistance and capacity-building needs of your national institutions.

The Platform also allows the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism to raise awareness of the work we are doing and ready to do to support you. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the excellent efforts being made by our Global Fusion Cells and Counter-Terrorism Investigations programmes in partnership with the Rabat Training Centre of the United Nations of Counter-Terrorism.

Terrorism sees no borders and therefore requires a